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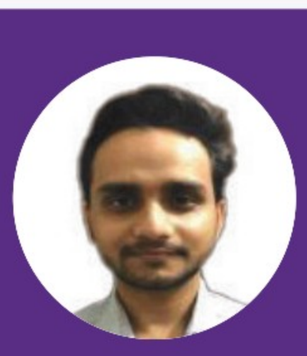

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Trump to run for the White House for a third time

Associated Press
PALM BEACH

Former U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday launched his third campaign for the White House just one week after a disappointing midterm showing for Republicans, forcing the party to again decide whether to embrace a candidate whose refusal to accept defeat in 2020 sparked an insurrection and pushed American democracy to the brink.

"In order to make America great again, I am tonight announcing my candidacy for President of the United States," Mr. Trump said before several hundred supporters at his Mar-a-Lago club, where he stood flanked by American flags and banners bearing his "Make America Great Again" slogan.

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War causing immense human suffering: G-20

Joint declaration says the conflict is exacerbating existing fragilities in the global economy, constraining growth, threatening energy and food security and elevating financial stability risks

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Leaders of the G-20 grouping on Wednesday said it was "essential to uphold international law and the multilateral system" as "today's era must not be of war".

In a joint declaration brought out at the end of the G-20 summit in Bali, Indonesia, the member states said the Ukraine war was causing economic difficulties and insecurity worldwide, and the threat of using nuclear weapons was "inadmissible".

The declaration revealed that not all member states condemned the Russian action against Ukraine. "Most members strongly condemned the war, and stressed it is causing immense human suffering and exacerbating existing fragilities in the global economy – constraining growth, increasing inflation, disrupting supply chains, heightening energy and food security and elevating financial stability risks," it said.

Collective effort: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other leaders attending the G-20 summit in Bali, plant mangroves at the Ngurah Rai Forest Park on Wednesday. REUTERS

Following the summit, Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said the "outcome document" was adopted through "consensus", and India contributed "constructively" in its drafting. "The consensus document going forward will be a positive development as we take over the presidency of the G-20 on first of December," he said.

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At COP-27, India and three others oppose 'carbon border tax'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

With the 27th edition of the Conference of Parties (COP) in Sharm El-Sheikh nearing its final stages and efforts being ramped up to arrive at a conclusive agreement, a consortium of countries, including India, jointly said on Wednesday that carbon border taxes, which could result in market distortion and aggravate the trust deficit among parties, must be avoided.

The European Union has proposed a policy called the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism to tax products such as cement and steel, which are extremely carbon intensive, with effect from 2026.

BASIC, a group comprising Brazil, India, South Africa and China, large economies that are significantly dependent on coal, has for several years voiced common concerns and reiterated their right to use fossil fuels during their transition to clean energy.

Their statement expressed "grave concern" that developed countries were not showing leadership or responding with a matching effort.

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Govt. to develop start-up park

BENGALURU
The government would begin work in the next six months on developing new knowledge cities in the State. It is also planning a dedicated start-up park near Bengaluru international airport to help promote various spheres of the start-up eco-system. » Page 3

NGO barred from voter helpline campaign

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

NASA's Artemis lunar-exploration programme kicks off

50 The number of years after which the U.S. is a big step closer to putting astronauts back on the lunar surface, since the end of the Apollo programme, with the launch of NASA's new moon rocket. The liftoff marked the start of NASA's Artemis lunar-exploration programme. The space agency is aiming to send four astronauts around the moon in 2024. AP

Foreigners visit India despite restrictions and visa regulations

15 In lakh, the number of foreigners, including 4.29 lakh U.S. nationals and 2.4 lakh Bangladeshis, who visited India last year when the country was on an extended period of coronavirus restrictions and visa regulations. The maximum number of foreigners who visited India during this period were from the United States (4,29,860). PTI

Kuwait executes seven people for murder, a first since 2017

7 The number of people who were put to death in Kuwait for murder, the first executions since 2017 despite appeals from a prominent rights group. One Ethiopian woman and one Kuwaiti woman were among those hanged, along with three Kuwaiti men, a Syrian and a Pakistani. Kuwait has executed dozens of people since it introduced the death penalty in the mid-1960s. AFP

U.K. inflation in October soars to a 41-year high

11.10 The percentage by which Britain's inflation rose in October to a 41-year high, fuelling demands for the government to do more. Higher prices for food and energy drove October's inflation rate to the highest since October 1981. The new data comes a day before Treasury chief Jeremy Hunt is scheduled to unveil a new budget. PTI

Russia bars entry to Irish politicians, including the PM

52 The number of Irish politicians Russia barred entry to, including Prime Minister Micheal Martin, for waging "an aggressive anti-Russian propaganda campaign." The ban was the latest in a series of moves by Russia against figures from the West that have condemned its war in Ukraine. As a member of the EU, Ireland has joined sanctions against Russia. Reuters

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Who should pay for climate damage?

Why is compensation against loss and damage due to changing weather events on the main agenda at COP27? What is the amount required to meet the world's climate goals? Where does India stand when it comes to global greenhouse gas emissions?

EXPLAINER

K. Bharat Kumar

The story so far:

At the G-20 summit in Bali, rich nations including the U.S., Japan and Canada have pledged $20 billion to wean Indonesia off coal. The U.S. and Japan have led the International Partners Group to mobilise funds from the public and private sector to support Indonesia's efforts to reach carbon neutrality by 2050. But a lot more needs to be done, and in that context it is significant that at the ongoing Climate Change Conference (COP27) in Egypt, compensation against loss and damage due to climate change is finally on the main agenda, unlike previous years.

Rising fumes: Emissions rise from the Jeffrey Energy Center coal power plant in Kansas, U.S. in 2021. AP

Why is compensation critical?

Between 1900 and now, developed countries have benefitted from industrial development, which also led to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Developing countries were relatively late in starting out on economic development. They may be contributing to emissions now, but that is a weak reason to ask them to stop economic development. A farmer in rural Africa can claim that his country has not added to emissions historically, but because of the U.S. or Russia's industrialisation, his agriculture yields are declining. Or an urban worker in South America has to work, without choice, in unforgiving heat wave conditions caused by the developed world's emissions of the past. Therefore, options like financing the developing or underdeveloped countries by the developed world have been discussed.

But as a popular newsletter *Finshots* asked, who decides who should pay whom and how much? Ourworldindata.org cites data from the Global Carbon Project to show that between 1751 and 2017, 47% of the CO2 emissions came from the U.S. and the EU-28. In total, just 29 countries.

How badly do their emissions hurt?

A paper published by *Springer Link* under the Climate Change umbrella earlier this year shows that emissions attributable to the U.S. over 1990-2014 caused losses that are concentrated around 1-2% of per capita GDP across nations in South America, Africa, and South and Southeast Asia, where temperature changes have likely impacted labour productivity and agricultural yields.

But emissions may have also helped a few countries, such as those in Northern Europe and Canada. Moody's Analytics estimates that by the middle of the century, Canada would see a rise in GDP of 0.3% (about $9 billion a year) as warmer climates spur agriculture and labour productivity. The Canadian Climate Institute cautioned that such a claim was not wholly true and that other factors must be considered. For example, climate change-spurred floods could cost Canada $17 billion annually by 2050.

In these war of words, the only certainty is the fast-approaching calamity. The UN Environment Programme's annual emissions gap report for 2022 released late last month said the "international community is falling far short of the Paris goals, with no credible pathway to 1.5°C in place. Only an urgent system-wide transformation can avoid climate disaster.... The world must cut emissions by 45% to avoid global catastrophe."

Where about India's emissions?

The report says that India is among the top seven emitters (others being China, the EU-27, Indonesia, Brazil, the Russian Federation and the U.S.). These seven, plus international transport, accounted for 55% of global GHG emissions in 2020. Collectively, G-20 members are responsible for 75% of global GHG emissions.

If we seek economic development, some GHG emissions are unavoidable. But, put in the context of India's population, its emissions are far lesser per head, than for others. World average per capita GHG emissions were 6.3 tonnes of CO2 equivalent (tCO2e) in 2020. The U.S. is way above this level at 14, followed by 13 in the Russian Federation and 9.7 in China. India remains far below the world average at 2.4.

In addition to last year's pledge of net-zero emissions by 2070, India has also committed to generate 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030, bringing down emission intensity of GDP, as also raising forest cover. Last year, India was responsible for the wording of the agreement on coal. It was changed from "phase-out" to "phase-down" of coal – which reflects the country's ground realities of large energy requirements, met predominantly by thermal power, to spur economic development.

In sum, the headlines that dominated the first week of the COP27 summit showed that there has been little sign of a concerted effort the world over to keep emissions low so as to retain global warming within the 1.5°C range.

THE GIST

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What is the target level of retail inflation?

How is the Reserve Bank of India viewing recent trends in retail inflation? Does a drop mark the beginning of a sustainable downtrend in inflation figures?

Prashanth Perumal

The story so far:

India's retail inflation dropped to a three-month low of 6.77% in October when compared to the same month last year. Wholesale price inflation also dropped significantly from rising at double digit rates in earlier months to 8.3% in October. The drop in inflation has led to hopes that the RBI has managed to gain control over price rise.

What caused the drop in inflation?

Economists attribute the drop in inflation in October to a favourable base effect. It should be remembered that retail inflation since the pandemic has been affected by lockdowns which served as a severe shock to the economy. Lockdowns affected the demand and supply sides in different ways, both when they were first imposed and subsequently lifted by the government. This may have led to unusual volatility in inflation figures since the pandemic. Hence, it may be hard to compare inflation figures of the current year, in which normalcy has largely returned to the economy, with those from previous years marred by stringent lockdowns. Easing food prices have also been cited as a reason for the recent drop in inflation. But it should be remembered that inflation refers to a general rise in the price level regardless of changes in individual prices. So, rise or fall in inflation cannot really be attributed to changes in the prices of individual goods and services.

How will the RBI react to the latest inflation figures?

Retail inflation at 6.77% is still above the RBI's target inflation range, which is between 2% and 6%. Retail inflation has, in fact, remained above the RBI's target inflation range for ten months now, due to which the RBI has had to write to the government explaining why it failed to meet its inflation mandate. So, despite the slight cooling down of inflation, economists expect the RBI to continue hiking interest rates over the coming months; the RBI may even want inflation to drop to around 4%. They, however, expect the pace of rate hikes to slow down with inflation seeming to ease gradually. It should be noted that the RBI raised rates by 50 basis points in its last three monetary policy committee (MPC) meetings this year. Economists believe that the RBI may opt for a 35 basis points hike during the next MPC meeting scheduled for December. If inflation continues to fall, the challenge for the central bank will be to control the pace at which it slows down rate hikes. This is because there is usually a time lag between monetary policy and its impact on inflation, which makes the setting of interest rates a tricky affair.

Has inflation peaked yet?

It is unclear whether the drop in retail inflation in October marks the beginning of a sustainable downtrend in inflation figures. In the past, inflation figures have cooled down temporarily only to rise again in subsequent months. So, it may be too soon to conclude that October's inflation figures mark a turning point in inflation trends. Monetary policymakers are likely to be aware of this and may decide to wait and watch before signalling a decisive change in their policy stance. The RBI may also decide to keep the rate hike cycle going due to external pressures, particularly if domestic economic growth does not slump to alarmingly low levels as it raises rates. Although inflation in the U.S. has cooled down a little to 7.7% in October, it is still way above the U.S. Federal Reserve's inflation target of 2%. This means that the U.S. Federal Reserve is likely to continue tightening its monetary policy stance well into next year. If so, the RBI may be forced to raise domestic interest rates as well or dig deeper into its foreign exchange reserves in order to prevent a slide in the rupee against the U.S. dollar.

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NGO barred from voter helpline campaign for breach of privacy

The trust has been accused of collecting personal information of citizens while conducting house-to-house visits; BBMP action follows complaint received by the Election Commission

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Wednesday cancelled permission granted to an NGO to conduct house-to-house survey to help create awareness about the voter helpline for allegedly collecting personal information from the public.

Permission to Chilume Educational Cultural and Rural Development Trust for house-to-house visits to create awareness towards making online applications via the voter helpline mobile app has been cancelled, a BBMP release on Wednesday said.

> The trust has violated the conditions of the permission. We appeal to the public not to share their voter ID details with representatives of the trust.
>
> **TUSHAR GIRI NATH**
> BBMP Chief Commissioner

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath in the release said, "The trust has violated the conditions of the permission. Therefore, the permission has been withdrawn with immediate effect .... We appeal to the public not to share their voter ID details with the representatives of the trust."

The trust was conducting house-to-house visits in co-ordination with booth-level officers (BLO), electoral registration officers and assistant electoral registration officers of District Election Officer-Bengaluru.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, a senior BBMP official said, "The election commission had received a complaint from the public a few days back that the trust was collecting personal information from the public while conducting house-to-house visits. Based on the complaints, the BBMP has cancelled the permission granted earlier."

One of the persons belonging to the trust had used an ID card to impersonate a BLO in Mahadevapura constituency and visited some houses to collect voters' information. A complaint has been lodged against the trust by the BBMP with the Kadugodi police station, the official said.

The trust was conducting awareness programmes from 2018 for the BBMP, officials said.

Eurofins India signs MoU with St. Joseph's University

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

St. Joseph University, Bengaluru, and Eurofins India on Tuesday signed a multi-year collaboration to create a state-of the-art analytical chemistry lab at the university.

Neeraj Garg, Regional Director, South Asia and Middle East, and Fr. Joy Rodrigues S.J., Secretary, Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society, signed the memorandum of understanding.

This collaboration paves way for active partnership between Eurofins and the school of chemical science to provide hands-on experience to master's level students of the university on the latest instrumentation for analytical chemistry such as HPLC, LCMSMS, GC, GCMS, and ICP MS to make them industry-ready professionals on graduation.

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This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **MR. MONESH J,** S/o. Mr. Janarthanam Bola, and **MR. JAI KUMAR J** S/o. Mr. Janarthanam Bola, Both are R/at: #64, 4th Main, New Rajanna Lyt, Horamavu Agara, Bangalore - 560043 are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **SRI. SHIVANANDA .G.M,** S/o. Sri. Malle Gowda .; any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing Site No.40, Present BBMP Katha Sl.No. 4773, House List Katha No. 222/1, Comprised in Sy.No.148/1, Situated at Horamavu Agara Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bangalore, East Taluk, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 50 Feet, in all measuring 1500 Square Feet, Presently coming under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No. 25 bounded on:

East by : Site No.41 ; West by : Government Property ; North by : Site No. 55; South by : Road;

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 7204863700

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

No.Adm/Engg/Shivajinagar-EOI/ CBHO / 2022-23/176 Dated: 16.11.2022

Expression of Interest at Lumpsum rate tenders are invited in two cover bid systems by Coffee Board for the work of **"Providing Detailed Concept Note for Establishment of a Coffee Business Centre at No.11, Hospital Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru.** For further details, visit **www.indiacoffee.org(tender)** or **https://epublish/app** last date for submission of sealed tenders is 12.12.2022 by 3:00 PM. The date of opening of Technical bids is 12.12.2022 at 4.00 PM.

Director of Finance

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION BIDAR

NO: EE/PWD//DIVN/BDR/KKRDB/JE-5/ 2022-23/3316 Date: 15.11.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDERS.

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers for the WORK_INDENT NO. KPWD/ 2022-23/RD/BD/EL/WORK INDENT (General works 05) 155114, 159809, 159872, 155260/call-2, and 142342/call-3. Amount put to tender for the works are Minimum Rs. 50.35 Lakhs & Maximum Rs. 507.325 Lakhs. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt of Karnataka Viz. http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on 15.11.2022. Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on or before 16.00 hours on 29.11.2022. Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Note: 1) Turn over certificate Without UDI Number will not be considered. 2) Note For Work Indent 159809 Only: PROOF OF CONCEPT (POC) : The bidder should present demo of the system at Office of the Chief Engineer C&B (NE) Kalaburagi on dated 19/11/2022 at 11:00 am and obtain the certificate and also attach the same along with tender. Bid will be disqualified if bidder does not attach the demo certificate.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division Bidar.

DIPR/Bidar/321/MC&A/2022-23

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ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಇಲಾಖೆ
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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಶಿಅಯೋಯಾ/ಮಮಅಇ/ಐಸಿಡಿಎಸ್/ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/03/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ:15–11–2022

ಇ – ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಮರು–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಮಮಇ 169 ಐಸಿಡಿ 2021, ದಿನಾಂಕ : 22.03.2022 ರಂತೆ ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ 243– ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳಾದ 06 ತಿಂಗಳಿಂದ 06 ವರ್ಷದೊಳಗಿನ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಮಾತೃ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಗರ್ಭಿಣಿ ಮತ್ತು ಬಾಣಂತಿಯರಿಗೆ ವಿತರಿಸಲು ಅಗತ್ಯವಿರುವ ಕೋಳಿ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆಗಳ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಅನುಬಂಧ–2ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿಯಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ e-Procurement Portal ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಂತೆ http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in Online ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅನುಬಂಧ–1 ರಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸದಂತೆ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಮರು–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಅನುಬಂಧ–1

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01	ಮೊಟ್ಟೆಗಳು, ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಸಹಿತ	ಮಾಸಿಕ 2,54,732/– ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ 30,56,784/–	ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಗಳು	1,83,40,704/–	2,75,111/-	ಪ್ರತಿ ತಿಂಗಳ 5ನೇ, 15ನೇ ಮತ್ತು 25ನೇ ದಿನ

ಅನುಬಂಧ–2 (ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ) 1.ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜಿನ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.11.2022. 2) ಪೂರ್ವ ಬಿಡ್ ಸಭೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ, ಸಮಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಥಳ : 28.11.2022 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ: ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ ಸ್ತ್ರೀ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಭವನ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ–585201 3) ಇ– ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್ ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: 01.12.2022ರಿಂದ 03:00 PM ವರೆಗೆ 4.ಇ– ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಇ– ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ :02.12.2022ರಿಂದ 4:30 PMರವರೆಗೆ 5) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: 03.12.2022, 05:30 PM 6) ಹಣಕಾಸು ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: 05.12.2022 7) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ: ಇ– ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ 8) ಸಂವಹನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ವಿಳಾಸ: ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ ಸ್ತ್ರೀ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಭವನ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ–585201 ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 08473–252265 ಇಮೇಲ್: cdpoyadgir@gmail.com

ಸಹಿ/– ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಯಾದಗಿರಿ

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Basavaraj S/O, Gurunandappa R/o #180, Ground Floor, 5th Cross, 5th Main Road, Jyothi Nagara, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru 560072 have changed my name to Basavaraj Gurunandappa Sagar for all purposes.

I, Urmi P Lakhani, D/o. Pankajkumar Lakhani R/o No. 153, 4th Cross, Raj Mahal Vilas Extension, Bengaluru - 560080 that i have Changed my Name to Urmi Pankajkumar Lakhani for all future purposes.

I, BHAVARI Devi, W/o. Dunga Ram Choudhary, R/o. No. 57/2, 7th Cross, Bhangiyappa Garden, Lakshmi Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru- 560027, have changed my name from Bhavari Devi to Bhawari Devi, vide affidavit, dated: 15/11/2022, sworn before Notary Public, T.C. Thimmaraja, Bangalore.

I, JAYESH SISODIYA resident at #109, Diagonal Road, V.V Puram, Bengaluru–560004, Karnataka, have changed my name from JAYESH SISODIYA JAIN to JAYESH SISODIYA vide affidavit dated 15–11–2022, sworn to before V.Rajashekhara, Advocate and Notary,Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the property shown in the schedule below from Smt. M.Rama Rathnam W/o Late.M.Lakshmi Narasaiah alias Late M.Laxminarasaiah, Smt. Vani Venkatesh, Smt. M.L.Shobha and Sri. Mydukur Lakshmi Narasimha Manohar, all children of Late.M.Lakshmi Narasaiah, Residing at No.424, 10th Main E Road, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bengaluru-560011.

Any person(s) having any claims or rights over the schedule property or having any valid and tenable objections to the proposal of my client to purchase the schedule property, may lodge his/their claims/rights or objections, if any with the undersigned within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Please note that if no valid objections or claims are received within the said period, my client shall proceed with the transaction and no claims/objections received thereafter will be entertained nor will it bind my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the aforementioned documents relate to the immovable residential property bearing Site No.129 L.I.G.H.S, 3rd "B" Main Road, New Town, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064, presently bearing BBMP Khatha No. 132/129, measuring East to West 50' Feet and North to South 35' Feet totally measuring 1750 Sq.Ft.. and bounded on:

East By : House No.114, West By : Road, North By : House No.128 and South By : House No.130

Together with RCC roofed residential house measuring 720 Sq.Ft, constructed using cement and brick walls, wood door and windows, red oxide flooring, with all civic amenities like water, electricity and sanitary connections

Sd/- **SIDDHARTH SUMAN**, Advocate
No. 206, 80 Feet Road, 6th Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore-94.
Bangalore, Date: 16/11/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE IVth ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU MAYO HALL (C.H. No. 21) O.S. No. 25507/2021

Between :
M/s.ICICI Bank Ltd Having its branch office at 4/10, Mythree Tower Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore-560 068 and represented by its Collection Manager Mr. Pramod G. **...PLAINTIFF**
AND
Mr. Liyakath Ali Patan **...DEFENDANT**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Liyakath Ali Patan
S/o. Shazada, Residing at No. 385, 39th D Cross, 4th Block, 8th Main MTB Area Maithri Apartments, Jayanagar Bangalore- 560 041

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs. 7,15,810.72/- as on 27/03/2021 along with interest 24% P.A. and other consequential relief. You are hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'ble IVth City Civil Judge, Mayo hall at Bangalore** (CH-21) in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 15/12/2022 at 11:00 AM, take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, this 10th day of November, 2022.

By order of this Hon'ble Court
Asst./Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayohall unit Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
ANVAYA LAW, ADVOCATES AND CONSULTANTS First Floor, Indian Express Building No.1, Queens Road Bengaluru-560001
Cell No. 9845806822
vasudevan.hn@anvayalaw.com

IN THE COURT OF THE 73rd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH- 74) O.S. NO. 25987/ 2022

Between :
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
AND
Sri. Ravi **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Ravi,
S/o. Sri. Srinivasa,
Aged about 34 years,
No. 34, New No. 193, 4th Main, Muneshwar Colony, Krishnayyana Palya Near Canara Bank, ATM, Bangalore- 560 038

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 9,71,064/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Seventy One Thousand and Sixty Four Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 74) in person or throw h a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 17/12/2022 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 31/10/2022

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates, No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE XXVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20) O.S. NO. 26623/ 2019

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
And
Manjunath B T **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Manjunath B T
S/o. Sri. Thippanna,
Aged about 28 years,
No. 04, 3rd Main, Sanjeevini Nagar, Moodalapalya, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Bangalore - 560 072

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 3,31,373/- (Rupees Three Lakh Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Three Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble XXVI Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge (CCH- 20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 12/01/2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **09/11/2022.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT
MATOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates, No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20) O.S. NO. 25767/ 2020

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
And
Mr. Dandolu Venkeshwarlu **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Dandolu Venkateshwarlu, S/o. Sri. Venkata Reddy Dandolu, Aged about 29 years, No. 9, Narayana Buildings, 17th Cross, Shamanna Garden, 22nd Main, J P Nagar, 5th Phase, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 078

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.2,61,718/- (Rupees Two Lakh Sixty One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 09/01/2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **09/11/2022.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT
MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates, No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE 73rd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH- 74) O.S. NO. 26370/ 2022

Between :
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
AND
Mahalaxmi Marble & Granite & Another **...Defendants**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
1. Mahalaxmi Marble and Granite, Represented by its Partner Sri. Kamal Bothra, No. 91/1, Main Road, Harapanahalli, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560 103
2. Sri. Kamal Bothra, S/o. Sri. Amar Chand Bothra, Aged about 33 years, Flat No. 415, Gotigere Nydhile, Residency Off Bannerghatta Main Road, Bangalore- 560 095

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 9,59,831/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty One Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-74) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 05/01/2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 31/10/2022.

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates, No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

TENDERS

CHENNAI PORT AUTHORITY
M&EE DEPARTMENT

e-Tender No. MEE/24/2022/DY.CME(MP&OH)THC

e-Tender is invited for "Supply and laying of various sizes of UPVC pipes". For further details/ Corrigendum, if any Visit **www.chennaiport.gov.in / www.eprocure.gov.in**

Chief Mechanical Engineer

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Thought experiments with William Gibson in cyberspace where hacks rule

The American-Canadian writer conceptualised the theory of neurotechnology and paved the way for cyberpunk culture and the Matrix films. His *Neuromancer*, more than three decades after its publication, continues to captivate and enthral

Mini Anthikad Chhibber

"The sky above the port was the colour of television, tuned to a dead channel," there is no better way to start a discussion on William Gibson's *Neuromancer* than with the iconic opening lines of the novel that "lit the fuse on the cyberpunk movement," as the publisher's notes rightly posits.

In a charming self-deprecating forward to the novel in 2004, Gibson writes that he had composed the opening line with an image out of his childhood – a sodium silvery video – and so his introduction to the future was already outdated. Neil Gaiman, in his introduction to Penguin's handsome Galaxy series writes that the opening line brought to mind the ubiquitous black-and-white snow of no reception of the 1980s. When Gaiman asked young people what they thought would be the colour of a dead channel now, they thought for a while before saying it would be black.

Way of life

At a time of countless digital platforms (we have long overshot Pink Floyd's thirteen channels), a dead telly would be the end of the world as we know it – where black is the definitely the colour and none, the number.

When *Neuromancer* came out in 1984 (a dreadfully significant year in sci-fi), Gibson won the sci-fi equivalent of a grand slam – getting the Nebula Award, the Philip K. Dick Award, and the Hugo Award, incidentally the only novel to have done so. The excellent *The Peripheral*, based on Gibson's eponymous 2014 novel, streaming on a screen near you, offers the perfect excuse to plunge once more into the neon drenched, morally ambiguous world of 24-year-old Henry Dorsett Case.

In his earlier life, Case was a talented hacker, who committed the cardinal sin of stealing from his employers. Their punishment was subtle – they injected him with a neurotoxin that damaged his nervous system, preventing him from logging into cyber space, thereby cutting his connection to a way of life.

Now he is "no Console Man, no cyberspace cowboy. Just another hustler," in Chiba City, Japan with other hustlers eking out a meager existence, with whatever low life scams are available. Drug addled and scraping the bottom of the barrel, Case is offered a way out, one last job in return for being cured.

Peopled with unforgettable characters from street samurai Molly with mirrored lenses covering her eye sockets and Armitage, who offers Case the job, to the two AIs, Wintermute and his sibling and the titular Neuromancer, the novel is a multi-faceted gem. One almost wishes to cover one's face or the eyes would surely dazzle.

To think that Gibson wrote the book in "blind animal panic" considering himself years away from a novel! Watching Ridley Scott's *Blade Runner* (1982), made him feel "Everyone would assume I'd copied my visual texture from this astonishingly fine-looking film." He rewrote two-thirds of the book an astounding 12 times and was convinced the book would be confined to the dung heap of history.

Far from it, more than three decades after its publication, *Neuromancer* continues to captivate and enthral. The slang of Neuromancer, derived from the biker and drug dealing subculture has passed into the mainstream.

Apart from coining the word cyberspace, Gibson also gave us the matrix – much before The Wachowskis. *Neuromancer* describes the matrix as "a consensual hallucination experienced daily by billions..." The 1999 film, apart from Plato and the Allegory of the Cave, also has Gibson to thank for Zion and Neo who is a PG-13 version of the speed-addicted Case, stuck in "the prison of his own flesh." Upon watching *The Matrix*, Gibson is supposed to have commended the Wachowskis for their "creative cultural osmosis."

Fear of Frankenstein

From Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, there has always been the fear of technology turning upon us. There is something uncanny about a machine mindlessly doing our work. What if the machine begins to think, and dream of freedom? *Neuromancer* also features rogue AI doing all manner of dastardly things, quite like the many Messer Smiths in *The Matrix* or the fastidiously beautiful David in *Prometheus*. And then there is Skynet becoming self aware and repeatedly destroying the world in *The Terminator* movies.

Even if one were to set aside the deconstruction and thoughts of *Neuromancer* being a port-manteau of neuro and romance with a dash of the necromancer, with Gibson being the ultimate new-romancer, the novel is an edge-of-the-seat thriller. Starting like all good noirs in a dive bar with Ratz, whose ugliness was the stuff of legend in an age of affordable beauty, tending the bar, the book moves at warp speed.

Where else can you imagine zipping by on a sea of words such as "His teeth sang in their individual sockets like tuning forks, each one pitch-perfect and clear as ethanol."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The Suez Canal, an artificial sea-level waterway in Egypt, connecting the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea, officially opened on November 17, 1869. Here is a quiz on canals from across the world

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

Identify this seaway between Canada and the U.S. that permits oceangoing vessels to travel from the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes of North America.

QUESTION 2

One of the most difficult engineering projects ever undertaken, the Panama Canal greatly reduces the time for ships to travel between the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean. Before this, which was the traditional route used for trade? Which was a major point on this route that is known for being particularly hazardous, owing to strong winds, large waves, strong currents, and icebergs?

QUESTION 3

Identify this canal which became notorious for forced labour of gulag inmates. There is a 1934 historical volume detailing the construction and labour used. Who edited and compiled the work?

QUESTION 4

This canal has been the focus of many conspiracies throughout its existence, with 'The Von Papen Plot' being a notable one. Identify the canal, and name the connecting rivers

QUESTION 5

Known for being the world's most frequented artificial waterway, this canal has the Levensau High Bridge crossing it. Identify the canal, and what is the significance of the bridge?

Visual question:
Identify this man who won the Nobel Peace Prize. Why was he awarded the Prize? THE HINDU

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This is the oldest continuously published newspaper in India. **Ans: *Bombay Samachar*; a stamp was released to commemorate the occasion of 200 years of the newspaper**
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3. This Tamil language newspaper was founded by an Indian journalist who also founded this leading English newspaper. **Ans: *Swadesamitran, The Hindu***
4. This weekly founded by this individual has survived all these years on subscriptions alone. **Ans: *Lankesh Patrike*, P. Lankesh**
5. This is the Government of India statutory body of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. **Ans: Registrar of Newspapers for India**
Visual: Identify this person who was a part of the managing committee of this English daily. **Ans: Madan Mohan Malaviya, *Hindustan Times***
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Sir, Mr. K. L Ramaswamy of Madras wants to know the difference between a 'servant' and an 'attendant'"

"Generally a servant is a person who works in a house or an establishment. He is given wages for the work that he does. An attendant is one who attends on a person or persons; he is a helper, an assistant. There is a sense of subservience in 'servant". This is generally absent in 'attendant'. VIPs have attendants. There is a certain respectability about the term 'attendant'. A doctor is called a medical attendant. The word 'servant' also acquires respectability in certain contexts. In fact, till the eighteenth century 'servant' also meant a person who was totally devoted to the service of a lady. Such servants are there even today! But it is not one of the meanings of the word today.

Also when a person totally dedicates himself to God, we say 'He is a servant of God'. I wonder whether any one would call himself God's attendant. If anyone did, God would not be pleased."

"Sir. Mr. Thomas Kaye of Hyderabad wants to know the meaning of the sentence 'They are trying to beef up security'."

" 'Beef up' means to strengthen, add vigour, to build up, reinforce. It is slang and used in informal contexts.

We must beef up the army.

It is necessary to beef up our reserves.

Occasionally 'beef out' is also used in the same sense. 'Beef' as a noun is also used in the sense of 'complaint'.

He made a horrible beef as he could not get his morning coffee.

It is also used as a verb to mean 'to complain'.

Whenever he comes, he beefs about her.

Stop beefing and start doing something.

What are you beefing about?"

"Mr. Guru Prasad of Hubli wants to know the meaning of the expression 'the carrot and stick policy', sir."

"When a donkey is unwitting to move, you dangle before it a carrot as a reward. It moves forward tempted by it. When it does not move, you beat it with a stick. Carrot is the bribe that you offer to make it move. When it does not move, you hit it with the stick. This is the 'carrot and stick policy'.

He is a stubborn fellow. Your carrot and stick policy will not work with him.

Well, let's call it a day. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

Word of the day

Diatribe:
thunderous verbal attack

Synonyms:
fulmination, rant

Usage: *My friend goes into long diatribes against the ruling government whenever he sees me*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/diatribepro

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Govt. to develop start-up park in city

It will also begin work in the next six months to set up knowledge cities in Kalaburagi, Hubballi-Dharwad, Mangaluru, Mysuru, and Bengaluru

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Large and Medium Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani, and other delegates during the Bengaluru Tech Summit on Wednesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The government would begin work in the next six months on developing new knowledge cities in the State.

It is also planning a dedicated start-up park near Bengaluru international airport to help promote various spheres of the startup eco-system.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced this at the launch of Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS), 2022, and said that the knowledge cities would come up in Kalaburagi, Hubballi-Dharwad, Mangaluru, Mysuru, and Bengaluru. His government aims to promote the growth of knowledge and technology sectors, particularly IT and BT, he said.

C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Electronics, IT, BT and S&T, said the State government has been enabling the right kind of learning and education in a big way to promote the growth of the knowledge sectors.

Australian consulate

Australia's Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs Tim Watts, speaking at the summit, announced that Australia would open a Consulate in Bengaluru next year. Speaking at BTS, he said the Australian government is deeply committed to advancing its technology partnership with India in the context of a broad-based comprehensive strategic partnership.

"That is why we are committed to opening our new joint Australia India Centre of Excellence for critical and emerging technology policy here in Bengaluru. We will also open a new Consulate General in Bengaluru in 2023, our fifth diplomatic office in India, to support connections and growth opportunities with this dynamic part of south India,'' Mr. Watts.

He also noted that the newly introduced direct flight between Bengaluru and Sydney has been fully booked since its launch in November.

Indian fingerprint

United Arab Emirates Minister Omar bin Sultan Al Olama complemented India's dominance in technology and said the future of technology would have "an Indian fingerprint everywhere."

"The future will have an Indian fingerprint for everyone and everywhere because there are Indians shaping the future of technology in different places across the world," said the Minister who holds the portfolios of Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy, and Remote Work Applications.

According to him, the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) that was signed between the UAE and India earlier this year was a great stepping stone to forge bilateral collaborations to usher in a new era of technologies. "The existing I2U2 (India, Israel, the UAE, and the US) partnership could be a model that other countries can try to build collaborations,'' he said adding, regions such as Africa and the Middle East, the UAE will play as natural springboards for tech vendors who are wanting to explore these markets.

INBRIEF

BDA recovers land worth ₹20 crore in J.P. Nagar

The Bangalore Development Authority has cleared encroachment and recovered land worth ₹20 crore in J.P. Nagar. The BDA has stated that an encroachment clearance drive was carried out in 8th Phase, 2nd block, Kothanur, of J.P. Nagar. Over one acre of land has been encroached in survey number 21/3. The officials have cleared four makeshift sheds and one under-construction building on the land.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (November 17, Thursday), the following explainer is available:

- Who should pay for climate damage? bit.ly/climatechangereparations

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CM unveils research development and innovation policy

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Karnataka Research Development and Innovation Policy was released on Wednesday at the inaugural of the Bengaluru Tech Summit on Wednesday, which has the objective of financing infrastructure and institutions.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said it aims to provide support for a robust and well-connected ecosystem. The policy is expected to act as a guideline to support undergraduate, postgraduate students, doctoral scholars and early-stage researchers to undertake high quality research and acquire the necessary skills, said the Chief Minister.

Research foundation

The government would also create an entity, Karnataka State Research Foundation, to devise and implement strategies to meet the objectives outlined in the policy. To achieve the national average of 0.7% of GDP (towards research) and 2-3% of State GDP in the next five years, additional funding from State government agencies was proposed to increase by 0.1% of State GDP every year.

The policy also proposes launching an innovation incubation programme called Karnataka Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship (K-TIE) to strengthen the entrepreneurship ecosystem beyond Bengaluru.

Open access

"The policy would work towards enabling higher education institutions to adopt open science and research by ensuring open access to publicly funded research results, facilities and research data," the Cheif Minister said.

The policy focuses on strengthening governance and financing of research and innovation system to drive the regional ecosystem, research and development and innovation to support entrepreneurship and MSMEs, added Mr. Bommai.

'India has shown how to democratise technology for the good of humanity'

BENGALURU TECH SUMMIT 2022

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing the Bengaluru Tech Summit through video conference on Wednesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

India has shown how to democratise technology for the good of humanity, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi while inaugurating the 25th edition of Karnataka's tech exposition, Bengaluru Tech Summit, in Bengaluru via a video link on November 16.

"For a long time, technology was seen as an exclusive domain. It was said to be only for the high and mighty. India has shown how to democratise technology," he said.

India has also shown how to give tech a human touch. Technology, in India, is a force of equality and empowerment. The world's largest health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat provides a safety net for nearly 200 million (20 crore) families and about 600 million (60 crore) people. This programme is based on a tech platform. India also organised the world's largest COVID-19 vaccine drive, again on a tech-based platform called CoWIN, said the Prime Minister.

India is using technology as a weapon in its war against poverty. "Under the Svamitva scheme, we are using drones to map land in rural areas. Then, property cards are given to the people. This reduces land disputes. It also helps the poor to access financial services and credit."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many countries were struggling without the infrastructure to deliver healthcare to their people. But India showed how technology could be a force for the good.

"Our Jan Dhan - Aadhaar - Mobile trinity gave us the power to directly transfer benefits. Benefits went directly to authenticated and verified beneficiaries. Billions of rupees reached bank accounts of the poor," he elaborated.

"Have you heard of a government running a successful e-commerce platform? It has happened in India. We have the government e-marketplace, called GeM. It is a platform where small traders and businesses fulfill the government's needs."

Technology has helped with online tendering. This has accelerated projects and boosted transparency. Online tendering hit a procurement value of ₹1 trillion ($12 billion) in 2021, said Mr. Modi.

He invited the global business community to invest in India.

IIMB students bag 539 internship offers during placements

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BENGALURU

A total of 529 students of Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB), class of 2022-24 bagged internships, marking record summer placements for the two-year MBA programmes, the Postgraduate Programme in Management (PGP) and Postgraduate Programme in Business Analytics (PGP - BA). All the students who appeared for placement over two interview days received their offers.

Debolina Dutta, Chairperson, Career Development Services and faculty in the Organisational Behavior and Human Resources Management area of IIMB, said that the summer placement process for the PGP/PGP-BA 2022-24 batch was a great success. "This was the first offline placement drive post-pandemic, and the collective endeavour ensured a smooth mix of online facilitation and offline campus activities. We thank all the reputed Indian and global corporate partner firms, who reinforced their faith and confidence in our students by offering opportunities to the largest batch of participating students, making the placement process a resounding success."

During the placements, consulting was the most sought after domain and out of 539 offers, 233 were made by consulting companies. While Accenture made 41 offers, McKinsey and Company made 22 offers and Bain and Company made 20 offers. TCS, Boston Consulting Group, and Kearney were among the top recruiters.

Other recruitments happened in fields of Information Technology, e-Commerce and Operations, Finance, General Management, Sales and Marketing, and Analytics. "Analytics roles saw an increase in numbers compared to last year, to 22, with the major recruiters being American Express (6), Kotak Mahindra Business Analytics (3), D.E. Shaw (2), EXL Service (2), and others (9)", the release said.

Timings
BENGALURU

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RISE	00:24	SET 13:17
FRIDAY, NOV. 18		
RISE	06:19	SET 17:50
RISE	01:13	SET 13:54
SATURDAY, NOV. 19		
RISE	06:20	SET 17:50
RISE	02:01	SET 14:31

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Mysuru	30	20
Bengaluru	32	23

Bengaluru Today
27°C The weather will be dry. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night will be slight cool.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C A dry weather to continue. Day will be comfortable but humid weather to prevail. Night will be cool.

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Ricky Kej gets 3rd Grammy nomination

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Ricky Kej

Bengaluru-based composer Ricky Kej's most recent album 'Divine Tides' with rock-legend Stewart Copeland (The Police) has been nominated for another Grammy Award for 'Best Immersive Audio Album.'

Mr. Kej is the only Indian resident to secure a nomination for the 65th Annual Grammy Awards. This is Mr. Kej's third Grammy nomination after two wins, a release said.

The nominations were announced on Tuesday by the CEO of the Recording Academy, Harvey Mason Jr. The 65th Annual Grammy Awards will be held on February 5.

Mr. Kej was quoted as saying: "Absolutely thrilled to be nominated for a third Grammy Award. The album Divine Tides has been my most creative and successful album to date and I am honoured and humbled by the accolades it continues to receive."

"Stewart Copeland and I created Divine Tides as an immersive audio experience. We hoped to transport our audiences to beautiful places and emotions through our music, and this nomination for 'Best Immersive Audio Album' validates all the hard work and love we have poured into Divine Tides," he added.

BWSSB owes ₹65 crore to Bescom, BBMP ₹54 crore

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BENGALURU

The executive engineers of two divisions of Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) - Hebbal and Jalahalli - have sent notices to many government offices for nonpayment of electricity bills amounting to crores of rupees. These offices include Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Horticulture Department, Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), and village panchayats.

In the four sub-divisions of Hebbal (Ganganagar, Kaval Byrasandra, Yelahanka, and Sahakaranagar sub-divisions), a whopping ₹131.8 crore is due by various departments. Across the sub-divisions, BWSSB has the highest dues of ₹65.09 crore, while BBMP comes next as it has not paid ₹54.53 crore. In Jalahalli (Jalahalli, Vidyaranyapura, Soladevanahalli sub-divisions), by the end of October, ₹99.2 crore was remaining in dues across departments.

The notices have warned that if the dues are not cleared within seven days, electricity supply will be cut off to these offices in the divisions. With such dues pending at several government offices in the Bescom jurisdiction, notices are being sent out to many divisions. "Most of the dues we see are pertaining to water supply and streetlights. However, if we cut off power supply to those lines, then it will cause inconvenience to the public. That is why we will be cutting off power supply to the corresponding offices. After we started sending notices, we have seen some dues being cleared. But a lot more is yet to be received," said a senior official of Bescom.

Saleem writes open letter to colleagues, seeks cooperation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day after taking charge as Special Commissioner for Traffic, Bengaluru city, M.A. Saleem has written an open letter to his colleagues seeking their cooperation to resolve traffic issues. "Bengaluru has emerged as the fastest growing city in the nation. The vehicle population is rising along with the city and population. Therefore, we are all dedicatedly working for smooth traffic and to reduce the travel time of commuters," he said. "Due to some unethical officers and staff, there may be corruption allegations against the traffic police. We must give importance to transparency in our work and win the public trust," Dr. Saleem said in his letter.

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INBRIEF

Cine director S. Narayan seeks Cong. ticket from Rajajinagar

Kannada film director and actor S. Narayan has applied to the KPCC seeking Congress ticket to contest the forthcoming Assembly elections from Rajajinagar Assembly constituency in Bengaluru. He submitted the application on Wednesday. Rajajinagar is currently being represented by BJP leader and former Minister S. Suresh Kumar. He turned the seat into a BJP bastion by winning the polls multiple times.

Media should advice govt., besides criticising it: Minister

Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs J.C. Madhuswamy on Wednesday opined that the media should provide advice and guidance to the administration besides criticising it. Speaking after inaugurating the seminar on the role of media in nation building organised as part of Press Day celebrations, at the Bangalore Press Club in Cubbon Park, Mr. Madhuswamy said when governments and administrative systems make mistakes, the media should correct it in the most innovative way without disparaging it. He added that nation building is not just development of big industries, but achieving comprehensive development on all fronts by bringing together all, including caste, religion, and culture. Actor Anant Nag was among those present.

'BJP report on reduction in inflation is poll gimmick'

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah has described the Union government's report that inflation has reduced in the country as an "election gimmick." In a release, he alleged that the Narendra Modi government was trying to make people believe that there is reduction in inflation though prices of various essential commodities had gone up. He urged the Centre to place the facts before people by releasing a list of wholesale price index and Consumer Price Index for each commodity. Pointing out that price of cooking gas, petroleum fuel, and various commodities had gone up sharply, he wondered how one could say that inflation had reduced.

It's BJP vs. BJP as MP and MLA slug it out over bus shelter design in Mysuru

Congress says it underlines the 'communal mindset' and internal squabbling within the BJP

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The bus stand in Mysuru that has sparked a row owing to the presence of domes. M.A. SRIRAM

Amidst a row over the dome-shaped bus shelter with Pratap Simha, MP, taking objection to the design and threatening to raze the structure if it was not altered immediately, S.A. Ramdas, BJP MLA, has clarified that the bus shelter's design was inspired by the Mysuru palace, keeping in view the city's heritage image.

"The design should not be misinterpreted as being done on some social media platform. Falsehood is being spread on social media on the issue and I have lodged a complaint with the Police Commissioner of Mysuru for action," said Mr. Ramdas in a statement following the controversy over the bus shelter.

Shadow-boxing

The ongoing drama over the design for a road-side bus stop is also an extension of the shadow-boxing by the two leaders underlining their acrimonious relationship in the BJP that boils over frequently into public domain.

Mr. Ramdas said that the bus shelter in question was not the first and the only public convenience facility with dome-shaped architecture in Mysuru and he shared photographs of some bus shelters with domes atop them in the city to bolster his claim. "In fact, the design for the bus shelter on Ooty Road in my constituency (Krishnaraja) was inspired by these shelters," he maintained. Mr. Simha has objected to the presence of the dome on the grounds that it "resembles that of a mosque".

Senior BJP functionaries say that the current controversy was avoidable and needless and has embarrassed the party but the official stance is that "any differences will be resolved''.

The Congress has been quick to capitalise on the issue and has hit out at the BJP for communalising so trivial a thing as even the construction of a bus stop and has taken potshots at it for its lack of unity.

Congress spokesperson M. Lakshman said while Mr. Simha's objections to the bus stop design on the grounds that it resembles a mosque reinforces his "communal mindset", the episode also exposes the BJP as a party which is beset with internal squabbling.

Old animosity

Mr. Simha has in the past made light of Mr. Ramdas indirectly on many occasions and the latter too has reciprocated in a similar vein or has refused to share dais with the MP, barring exceptional cases.

In the midst of the controversy, Police Commissioner D. Ramesh, accompanied by senior police officers, inspected the bus shelter on Wednesday. The Commissioner's visit came after Mr. Ramdas's complaint to him seeking action against spreading falsehood about the structure on social media.

'No notice from NHAI'

Meanwhile, a purported 'communique' of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) was doing the rounds on social media on Wednesday with a direction to the Commissioner, Mysuru City Corporation, and the Executive Engineer, KRIDL, for "removing the bus shelter" (on Mysuru-Ooty Road) describing it as "unauthorised".

However, the MCC and KRIDL clarified that they have not received any notice from the NHAI on the issue. "I have not received notice of any kind from the NHAI," said an official of KRIDL. MCC Commissioner Lakshmikantha Reddy also said the same.

Nameboard springs up

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A nameboard mentioning "JSS College Bus Stop" has come up at the controversial bus shelter.

The nameboard carries photographs of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, and Shivarathri Rajendra Swami of Suttur Mutt. Locals and commuters said the board was put up a day after the MP took objection to the design of the bus shelter.

Milk price: Govt. in a bind as farmers threaten stir if hike is not allowed

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

KMF had announced a hike of ₹3 per litre on selling price of Nandini milk as well as curds. FILE PHOTO

The CM put the milk price hike on hold and said that a final call would be taken after November 20

The State government, which has put the Karnataka Milk Federation's (KMF) move to hike Nandini milk prices on hold, appears to be in a bind as milk farmers have threatened to start agitation if the hike is not allowed.

KMF had announced a hike of ₹3 per litre on selling price of Nandini milk as well as curds with effect from Tuesday, promising to pass it on to milk producing farmers. This had given hope to milk farmers as the procurement prices of milk in Karnataka are the lowest in the country.

But within hours of announcement of hike by KMF, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai put it on hold and announced that a final decision would be taken through consultations with KMF after November 20.

Ahead of polls

While the government seems to be concerned about burdening consumers with a hike in the essential commodity, especially ahead of the Assembly elections, farmers' leader and Karnataka Sugarcane Farmers' President Kuruburu Shanthkumar has threatened to launch a stir by milk farmers if the government did not give green signal to the hike.

"The hike in milk prices was long due from the farmers' point of view. This is because, Karnataka is at the bottom when it comes to milk procurement prices. Though dairying has been the main economic support for farmers, the low procurement prices have rendered milk production a loss-making venture. There is a fear of farmers shunning milk production if the prices are not increased," Mr. Shanthkumar told *The Hindu*.

He pointed out that milk procurement as well as selling prices in Karnataka would still remain lowest in the country even if the government gives green signal to the hike of ₹3 per litre.

Neighbouring States

"Milk selling prices are as high as ₹55 in some of the neighbouring States as against ₹37 in Karnataka. Procurement prices have remained even lower at ₹29 a litre in addition to the incentive of ₹5 a litre. But this is not remunerative as the cost of cattle feed has gone up sharply and cost of cultivation of fodder too has increased," he said.

Alleging that there were several loopholes and irregularities in handling of milk by the KMF that had resulted in high overhead charges, he demanded that the overhead charges should be reduced and the federation should share its profits with farmers.

He demanded that the Chief Minister should request Centre to remove GST on milk-based products.

Indigenous breed

The Mudhol Hound on display at a press conference in Bengaluru on Wednesday. The Bangalore Canine Club and Silicon City Kennel Club championship dog show is all set to be held on November 19 and 20 at Heera Farms near Devanahalli. K. MURALI KUMAR

'Need to set up India-U.S. working group on R&D'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

CM Basavaraj Bommai has emphasised the importance of setting up a working group between U.S. officials and Karnataka's administration for increasing pharma-related R&D as well as drug production in Karnataka.

Youth outfits want ban on Tipu's play

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

As theatre repertory Rangayana braces for the stage debut of *'Real Dreams of Tipu'*, the Federation of Youth Organisations of Mysuru have sought a ban on the play.

The play is set to be staged at at Bhoomigeetha on Rangayana premises on November 20 and has been written by Addanda C. Cariappa, director of the theatre repertory.

Addressing a press conference in the city on Wednesday, the organisation members said that the play is "based on false premises and is out to disturb communal harmony in society."

Rafiq Ali, a member of the federation, said the true history of Tipu Sultan is known to everyone and a section of people are trying to distort history for political gains. ''What is disconcerting is that public institutions like Rangayana are being exploited for the purpose to target an individual and a community,'' said Mr. Rafiq.

The drama is "nothing but a bundle of lies masquerading as reality" and is set to pit one community against another in the run up to the elections and also disturb peace and harmony in society, said the federation members. Though Mr. Cariappa said that people should first watch the play before jumping to conclusions one can be certain as to how the 18th century ruler will be portrayed and the kind of message that will be sent through the play given his (Mr. Cariappa's) track record of foul mouthing Tipu, Mr. Rafiq added.

'Will move court'

JD(S) State president C.M. Ibrahim on Wednesday said a decision had been taken to move court against staging of the play as he maintained that it contains "distorted history" of Tipu. Mr. Ibrahim told reporters in Mysuru that the play and alleged distortion of Tipu's gallantry had dismayed the warrior's admirers. "All of us, after a meeting with Muslim leaders, have resolved to wage a legal battle against the play," he said.

Historians, including Nanjaraj Urs and Range Gowda, and experts from Mangaluru University will compile their observations on Tipu's history and reply to what had been written in the book/play, he said.

"Leaders such as Pratap Simha spread hatred among religions. We will counter it by holding seminars to dispel lies spread against the ruler," he said.

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through e-Procurement Portal) - 4th Call

BWSSB invites Tender from eligible Contractors for the following work:

Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM - East), 5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore-560009

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender / EMD	Last Date & Time for Submission of Tender	Date & Time for Opening of Tender
1	(WWM-STP)K&T Valley	BWSSB/EE(WWM-STP) K&T/AEE(WWM-STP) K&T/AE/257/2022-23 Date: 10.11.2022	₹ 18,98,075/- / ₹ 47,452/-	23.11.2022 upto 4:00 pm	24.11.2022 at 04:05 PM

Sd/- **Executive Engineer (WWM-STP) K&T Valley**

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurment process can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/BCPL/3118/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works Department Mangaluru Division Mangaluru

Ref :-PW:DIV:MAG:TND(52E/47E):2022-23:JE-3: Dated: 15.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION / SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION / 4th Call

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Divn. Mangaluru Inviting Tender under E-tendering in http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in portal from eligible Tenderers in accordance with KTTP Act Indent No: 156535, 156724, 156729, 156723, 160615, 158379, 156955, 158242, 159832, 159156, 160664, 159137 **Under the Head Of Account: 5054- District and Other Roads Improvements.** And Indent No. 159791 **Under the Head Of Account 5054 –(Plan) State Highway Improvements.**
Inviting Tender Indent No. 159030 **Under the Head Of Account 3054 –** State Highway Maintenance And Inviting Tender **4th Call** for Indent No: 155196, 156611, 156610, 156609, 156608 **Under the Head Of Account: 5054- District and Other Roads Improvements. Last date for reciept of above tender : 23.11.2022 upto 16.00 Hours**
Inviting Tender Indent No. 156537, 153850, 153857 Under the Head Of Account: 5054- District and Other Roads Improvements And Indent No. 153853, 153854 Under the Head Of Account 5054 –(Plan) State Highway Improvements. Last date for reciept of above tender: **01.12.2022 upto 16.00 Hours** In the above Work Highest Cost of Estimate is Rs.500.00 Lakhs & Lowest Cost of Estimate is Rs.50.00 Lakhs. Any Change in dates of events and value of work put to tender and EMD amount etc only can been seen from e-portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

DIPR/MNG/MCA/860/22-23 dt.16.11.2022 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

TENDER INVITED (E-PROCUREMENT)

Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Belagavi hereby invited tender from Registered Contractors for the Item rates through E Portal. There are total 05 work have been called, Standard of tender documents KW-1, 2, 3 for price of Highest and Lowest Estimated cost Rs. 200.00 Lakhs and Rs. 6.00 Lakh respectively and also Highest and Lowest EMD has as per Eprocurement for each work. The last date for submission of any quarries is 21-11-2022 17.30 PM, the last date for submission of tender bid is on 22-11-2022: 17.30 PM. Opening of technical bid is on 24-11-2022: 11.00 AM. and expected Financial bid will be opened on 24-11-2022 11:30 AM. For any other information / clarifications please contact the below signed office, and also search internet for E-Portal website **http://e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**
DIPO/BGM/1182/2022-23 P.R.E. Division, Belagavi

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS IS TO NOTIFY the General Public that my clients have an Agreement of Sale to purchase the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** from its owner **Mrs. GEDDAM SREE SUBHA** W/o **Mr. KIRAN PRASAD**, 43 years, No. 15/1, 14th Main Road, Gokula 1st Stage, Mathikere, BANGALORE-560054.

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West by :: Property bearing Site No. 1018 earlier belonging to Muddappa,
North by :: Property bearing Site No. 1025- earlier Site No. 4,
South by :: Property bearing Site No. 1023-earlier belonging to Munivenkatappa.

Sd/-
Bangalore, Date: 16-11-2022
SANTOSH KUMAR. H. DESHPANDE.
Advocate, SHRI LAW CHAMBERS, AST Complex, 19th Main, 1st 'N' Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560010./ **Ph : 98440 05045**

'Committee to monitor C-section deliveries in Tumakuru'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A committee will monitor "unnecessary C-section deliveries" in district and government hospitals in Tumakuru, Health Minister K. Sudhakar said here on Wednesday.

Recently, Tumakuru District Hospital was in the news after a 35-year-old woman and her twin babies died during delivery at her house after she was denied treatment at the district hospital.

On Wednesday, the Minister inspected the district hospital and interacted with the patients. He said: "C-section deliveries should generally remain within the limit of 20%-40% of the total deliveries. It should not be recommended in cases where normal delivery is feasible. If this is being deliberately done, we will initiate strict action. The district surgeon should have a weekly meeting with all department heads to attend to the grievances in hospitals. The Deputy Commissioner has been directed to visit the hospitals regularly."

A release said Dr. Sudhakar handed over a cheque of ₹10 lakh to the elder daughter of the victim who lost her life.

Namma Clinics

He added that 438 Namma Clinics are being established in the State and 288 of them are ready.The women's clinic will be named 'Ayushmati Clinic.'

Kerala to ask Governor to convene Assembly session from December 5

Arif Mohammed Khan is yet to decide on the ordinance seeking to remove him as the Chancellor of 14 universities; the Kerala Governor says since the ordinance concerns him, he is likely to send it to the President

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala Cabinet has decided to recommend to Governor Arif Mohammed Khan that the seventh session of the 15th Kerala Legislative Assembly be convened from December 5.

Though the State Cabinet had sent the ordinance seeking to remove the Governor as the Chancellor of all 14 universities in the State to Mr. Khan for his consideration, he is yet to take a decision on it.

Also, the Governor has already hinted that since the ordinance concerns him, he was likely to send it to the President.

With it being more or less evident now that the Governor is unlikely to sign the ordinance seeking to remove him as Chancellor of the universities, the Left Democratic Front government is now attempting an alternative path of achieving the same by presenting it as a Bill before the Assembly.

The ordinance will in effect be meaningless if the government receives the assent from the Governor to convene the Assembly session.

Arif Mohammed Khan

Just as in the ordinance, the government through the Bill will be seeking to remove the clause from the University Rules that the Governor of the State shall be the ex-officio Chancellor of all universities in the State.

In seeking to remove the Governor as the Chancellor, the government has taken refuge in one of the recommendations of the Punchhi Commission in 2010 that the Governor should not be 'burdened with positions and powers, which may expose the office to controversies or public criticism'.

The State Cabinet had thus recommended in the ordinance that the post of the Chancellor be assigned to distinguished persons with high academic credentials as it will also bring glory to the institutions of higher learning in the State. The same is expected to figure in the Bill the government is now trying to bring before the House.

Though the government can push through the Bill in the House, it will definitely need the final assent from the Governor before it can become the law and the possibility of another stalemate over it cannot be discounted.

The stand-off between Mr. Khan and the government has led to several legal and constitutional challenges in the State.

'How many more years should EWS families wait for flats at Ejipura?'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday sought responses of the State government and civic agencies on a PIL petition, which has complained about failure of the authorities and private developer to construct flats at Ejipura for 1,512 families belonging to economically weaker sections (EWS) despite various earlier orders of the court.

The petitioners are waiting for new flats from 20 years and for how many more years should they wait for construction of new flats, a Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi orally observed while adjourning further hearing on the petition till December 7.

The Bench was hearing the petition filed by the association of 1,512 families eligible for allotment of new flats at Ejipura in lieu of their old flats, which were demolished after few blocks of old complex built by the civic body began collapsing in early 2000 due to poor quality of construction. Some of the residents of the old flats are without a permanent shelter since 22 years as their blocks had collapsed way back in 2000.

The petitioner-association has also complained that many of the families had to leave temporary sheds, constructed for them at Iglur on Hosur road in 2012 for a period of two years as construction of new flats was required to be completed in 24 months, as no sufficient infrastructure and civic amenities were made available for them by the BBMP.

CCB arrests quack for harassing patients

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) officials on Tuesday arrested an acupuncture therapist for allegedly sexually harassing his women patients on the pretext of administering therapy.

Based on a series of complaints from the victims, the CCB registered a case and tracked down the accused Venkataramana, who was hiding in Tadipatri in Andhra Pradesh.

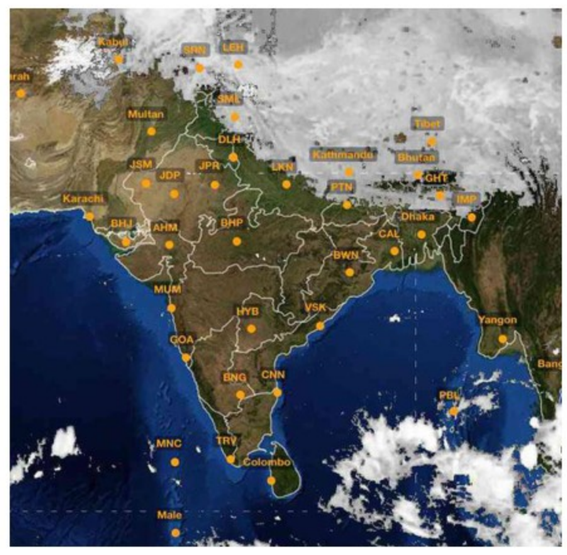
Inquiries revealed that Venkataramana, a resident of Mathikere, was working as a commercial manager at a private company for 10 years before switching his profession.

Since four years, he was offering acupuncture therapy and had started harassing women patients sexually on the pretext of therapy and was also recording the videos, the police said.

The accused has been booked under sexual harassment and various sections of the IT Act for further investigations.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Squally weather (wind speed 40-45 kmph gusting to 55 kmph) likely to prevail over southeast Bay of Bengal & adjoining Andaman Sea and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.9	17.8	Kozhikode	—	33.6	24.9
Ahmedabad	—	34.1	19.0	Kurnool	—	33.5	20.3
Aizawl	—	—	13.0	Lucknow	—	29.2	15.7
Allahabad	—	31.5	15.0	Madurai	—	31.3	23.1
Bengaluru	—	28.4	19.0	Mangaluru	—	30.5	23.8
Bhopal	—	—	—	Mumbai	—	33.0	21.4
Bhubaneswar	—	30.2	16.0	Mysuru	—	29.0	19.6
Chandigarh	—	27.1	13.4	New Delhi	—	27.5	13.2
Chennai	—	30.6	23.0	Patna	—	29.3	14.6
Coimbatore	—	30.8	22.6	Port Blair	12	29.3	23.9
Dehradun	—	26.0	11.3	Puducherry	—	30.1	22.0
Gangtok	—	17.2	10.2	Pune	—	31.6	14.3
Goa	—	33.5	23.4	Raipur	—	31.0	15.6
Guwahati	—	29.9	17.2	Ranchi	—	28.7	13.0
Hubballi	—	31.0	17.0	Shillong	—	19.6	9.8
Hyderabad	—	30.7	13.7	Shimla	—	15.4	5.7
Imphal	—	26.2	10.2	Srinagar	—	13.8	2.4
Jaipur	—	27.4	17.4	Thiruvananthapuram	3	31.2	23.5
Kochi	—	30.8	24.8	Tiruchi	—	31.1	23.1
Kohima	—	22.0	8.4	Vijayawada	—	31.2	19.5
Kolkata	—	29.3	18.4	Visakhapatnam	—	31.6	21.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.20	..84	10	... 128	...101	
Bengaluru	...8	..21	68	... 260	...135	
Chennai	...5	..20	29	... 179	...129	
Delhi	.19	9	45	... 309	...271	
Hyderabad	...1	..42	38	... 155	...130	
Kolkata	.24	..28	39	... 304	...193	
Lucknow	.16	..84	44	... 225	...171	
Mumbai	.30	226	69	... 167	...182	
Pune	..—	..71	61	..... —	..... —	
Visakhapatnam	.24	..78	26	... 218	...209	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bettiah, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 423 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 21

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF STATE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER AND FOUR STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS OF TAMIL NADU INFORMATION COMMISSION

The time for submitting applications for the posts of **State Chief Information Commissioner and four State Information Commissioners for the Tamil Nadu Information Commission** is extended by another week. Interested person may send his / her application in the prescribed form along with the relevant documents by Speed Post / Registered Post / e-Mail so as to reach the following address on or before **5.00 pm** of **23.11.2022.**

Justice G.M. Akbar Ali (Retd.),
Chairperson, Search Committee,
Second Floor, Catholic Center,
No.108, Armenian Street, Parry's - Chennai - 600 001.
E-mail ID: **gmakbarali52@gmail.com**

Application form and other details can be downloaded from **www.tn.gov.in/department/22** under the heading "Announcements".

Chairperson,
Search Committee.

DIPR/ 1166 / DISPLAY/ 2022

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ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ಸಂ:ಕಾಇಂ:ಗಾ.ಕು.ನೀ&ನೈವಿ/ದಾ/ಕಿ.ಇಂ–2/ಜೆ.ಜೆ.ಎಂ/ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ:14/11/2022

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

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ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/608/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23 **ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಗ್ರಾ.ಕು.ನೀ ಮತ್ತು ನೈ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-1/F-114/22-23/Cys-82 Date:15.11.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(e-Procurement Mode only)

KPTCL invites e-Tenders in the prescribed form from Reputed Electrical Contractors processing Super Grade Electrical Contractor License for the following works vide **Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/24/Call-2 Dt.:15.11.2022** for Tender for Providing 06 No's of Intermediate Tower on 220KV Davangere-Shivamogga DC Line on DC tower between Location No:88-242(In between Loc No:88-242 (88-89, 110-111, 179-180, 238-239, 240-241 and 241-242) coming under 220KV Benkikere Division including Supply of all matching Materials / Equipments and Erection (Including Civil Works) of all Materials / Equipments on Total Turnkey Basis.

Tenders will be accepted through e-Procurement mode only. For further details, prospective bidders are advised to log on to website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or **https://www.kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** & click on hyperlink **e-procurement-kptcl** to participate in e-procurement portal **on or after 17.11.2022.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Transmission(W&M) Circle, KPTCL,
Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere. Ph: 08192-250774

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, **Mrs. G. Kemparajamma,** W/o. Ramesh, R/at No.3906, 5th Main, 'B' Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore – 560022. is intending to purchase the property described in the schedule below from **Mr. P. Nagabhushanam, Mr. Vinay Kumar, Mr.Ramakrishnappa and Others** as they claims that they are the absolute owner in possession of the property and the same is free from all encumbrances, charges, claims or demands of whatsoever nature. Any person/s having objection to the said transaction may lodge their objection/s supported by cogent documents with the undersigned **within SEVEN DAYS** from the date of this notice. If no objection/s is/are raised within the said period, my client would go ahead with the sale transaction in respect of the Property below mentioned deeming there is/are no objection/s to the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing No.26, Katha No.952/16/26, formed and carved out in survey No.16, Land measuring 2 acres and 3 guntas out of 4 acre 3 guntas, vide Conversion Order No. ALN (NAY)SR 78/2012-13 dated 20/03/2013 duly converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purpose situated at Ananthapura village, Yelahanka BBMP Division (Attur ward No.3) Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, site Measuring on: East to West :30 feet North to South : 50 feet, total measuring 1500 sq. feet: Bounded on: **East by :** Site No.25; **West by :** Site No.27, **North by :** Road; **South by :** Site No.24.

N M LEGAL, Advocates & Consultants,
No.117/3, Flat No.TF-304,
'FORTUNE SQUARE', S.C. Road,
Sheshadripuram, Bangalore –20,
Tel: 9845588499

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that my client has intended to purchase and entered an agreement of sale/absolute sale deed with **Smt Rema Selvaraj D/o Chettiar C.K.S.** to purchase the schedule property. If any person/s, financial institution etc., having any claims/objection for the sale of schedule property in favour of my client may lodge their claims/objection with documentary evidence within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the transaction and no claims thereafter will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property Municipal **No. 61, PID No. 99-142-61,** situated at 3rd Cross,**Ashwath Nagar Bengaluru,** BBMP **Ward NO. 99 New ward No. 35,** earlier **site No. 61,** formed in **Sy No. 40/3** of Geddalahalli, kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Measuring **East to West : 42 ft , North to South 28ft, in Total 1176 sq ft,** along with house bounded on **East by - Conservancy Lane, West by : Road, North by - Site belongs to Lakshman Singh, South by - Site belongs to Subedar Obeidulla Sahib**

H. A. AMARNATH , Advocate
#272, 2nd Block Rt Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032.
Mobile NO: 78998 65859 | 99809 15550| 98865 85809

CHAMUNDESHWARI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Corporate Office, Procurement Section, CESC, Mysuru-570017.
Phone No.:9448994705 Website: www.cescmysore.org Email:gmpurc@cescmysore.org

No.CESC/GM(P)/DGM(P)/AGM (P-1)/2022-23/16276 Date: 15-11-2022

TENDER / E-AUCTION NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Portal Only)

1. Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation is inviting e-Auction bidding from eligible bidders for the sale and disposal of Al Conductor on 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS' in various stores of CESC jurisdiction. The store details are as below;

Sl No	Division	Contact No. of Store Officer
1	N.R.Mohalla	9448994715
2	V.V.Mo halla	9448994842
3	Nanjangudu	9448994718
4	Hunsur	9449598554
5	K.R.Nagara	9448283391
6	Madikeri	9449598541
7	Kollegala	9480841185
8	Chamarajanagara	9449598542
9	Hassan	9449598597

Sl No	Division	Contact No. of Store Officer
10	Sakaleshpura	9480810365
11	Holenarasipura	9449598598
12	Channarayapattana	9449598520
13	Arasikere	9449598544
14	Mandya	8277889833
15	Madduru	9449598525
16	Pandavapura	9445988596
17	K.R.Pete	8277883811
18	Nagamangala	9480816902

2. CESC, Mysore invites Short Term Tenders from eligible bidders for Enhancement of Power Transformers on Total Turnkey Basis as mentioned below;

Sl.No	Works details	Enquiry No/Date
1.	Enhancement of existing 33/11KV, 1x5MVA Power Transformer to 33/11KV, 12.5MVA Power Transformer at 33/11KV Sub station Murnad in Madikeri Taluk, Kodagu District on Total Turnkey Basis (TTK).	C2-5397/15-11-2022

3. Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited invites short term tenders from eligible agencies for providing the following services

Enquiry No & Date	Description	Total Employees
CESC/GM(P)/ C2-5398, Dated 15-11-2022	Implementation of Group Personal accident insurance to all Employees and Officers of CESC	6924

The details of materials, quantity etc., and regarding participation date & time of e-auction / Tender can be obtained through e-procurement portal **http//www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **17-11-2022.** For clarification regarding e-portal please contact help desk 080-46010000/22631200 or e-mail address **support@eprochelpdesk.com.**

For Electricity related complaints Call: 1912

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/670/2022-23

Sd/- General Manager (Procurement),
CESC, Mysuru.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Vijayanagara Division, Shasakara Bhavana, 1st Floor, 3rd Main, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru-560040

No.: EE(VJN)/AE/TN/GL-11/2022-23 Date: 15.11.2022

CORRIGENDUM-2

Subject: Regarding postponement of date of downloading tender forms and uploading filled tenders.
Reference: Tender Notification No.: EE(VJN)/AE/TN/GL-11/22-23, Dt.: 07.10.2022

With reference to the above subject, the tender works Sl. No. 1, 2, 3, 5 to 10, 12 to 15, 17, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47 dates has been postponed as mentioned below due to technical reasons. All other terms and conditions remain unaltered.

Sl. No.	Detail	Date
1	Date of downloading tender forms	from **24.11.2022**
2	Date of receipt of filled tender document	**05.12.2022** upto **4:00 p.m.**
3	Date of opening of Financial bid	**06.12.2022** at **4:30 p.m.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Vijayanagara Division, BBMP

ZILLA PANCHAYATH TUMKUR
O/o Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Tumkur-572101.

No: EE/PRED/TmK/ TND No-32/AE/2022-23 Dated: 09.11.2022

E-Procurement Tender Notice Two Cover System
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 32/2022-23
Dated: 09.11.2022

The Short Term Tender is inviting through e-procurement on behalf of government of Karnataka by the Executive Engineer P.R.E.D. Tumkur, Under the head of account 5054-Chief minister special grant Tiptur Taluk 2022-23 and 2022-23 Education department scheme. as per KTTP Act 2000 The Tender Documents can be obtained from the e-procurement Web Site and submitt the details on or before Dated: **22.11.2022** upto 5.00pm. Further details can be obtained through website at http://www.eproc. karnataka.gov.in or contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Tumkur

DIPR/TUM/692-/MCA/2022-23

Getting ready

India, during its G-20 presidency, needs to bring all nations in line with its vision

With the handover of the gavel from Indonesian President Joko Widodo, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took over leadership of the G-20 process on Wednesday, which will position India at the helm of forming consensus among the most advanced economies over the next year. India's presidency, which begins on December 1, comes at a time when the world faces economic hardships and global recessionary trends. In addition, the political polarisation between the U.S. and European Union, and Russia, all G-20 members, will make every meeting that India will host fraught with tensions. But the G-20 summit in Bali provided some positive signals. Despite fears that G-20 members would fail to produce a joint statement, Sherpas of each delegation persevered to reach a 17-page consensus document. Expectedly, there was trouble over the paragraphs on the Russia-Ukraine conflict. India's role in tempering some of the language during the negotiations has been highlighted, and Mr. Modi's phrase at the SCO summit in September, that this is "not an era of war", was included in the final statement. The majority of the G-20 leadership was not in favour of equivocating on the conflict, as India and a few other countries have been doing, and the joint communique said that "most members strongly condemned the war in Ukraine". It was a positive sign that while Russia protested the statement, its Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov was present, and President Putin's absence actually contributed to a more manageable summit for Indonesia.

The fact that Mr. Modi also extended his hand to Chinese President Xi Jinping during the banquet is in contrast to their stony demeanour at the SCO summit in September and could signal a thaw in talks between them for the first time since the LAC standoff began in 2020. While Mr. Modi may have to explain the shift domestically, his decision to speak to the Chinese President also reflects the practical reality that India, as host of the G-20 and the SCO in 2023, will need to ensure the full participation of those groupings, that include rivals such as China and Pakistan. More such pragmatism will be necessary for India in its year of the G-20 presidency, with about 200 meetings planned. To achieve this New Delhi will have to bring on board all countries with its vision for the forum's future – steering the world's economic leadership through this difficult phase, and preparing for future perils including climate change and global warming, food and energy shortages, terrorism and conflict, and bridging the digital divide.

Halting the slide

Biden-Xi meeting only a first step towards stabilising fraught relationship

The United States and China have agreed to more "responsibly" manage their increasingly fractious relations, following a meeting between Presidents Joe Biden and Xi Jinping. In their first face-to-face meeting, since Mr. Biden assumed the U.S. presidency, in Bali on November 14, 2022 ahead of the G-20 summit, they appeared to agree that the downward slide in relations, especially in the wake of U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan in August, suited neither side. The biggest takeaway is an agreement that "competition should not veer into conflict" and that both must, as the White House put it in a statement, "manage the competition responsibly and maintain open lines of communication". Mr. Xi echoed that sentiment by saying "relations should not be a zero-sum game where one side out-competes or thrives at the expense of the other". To that end, both sides have reopened dialogues that remained frozen since Ms. Pelosi's Taiwan visit, starting with working together on climate change, a key challenge that cannot be addressed without the world's two biggest polluters. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken will now travel to China, while other suspended joint working groups, including on global economic stability, debt relief, food security and health security, are likely to resume.

While the resumption in contact is certainly significant, it is, however, only a first and tentative step towards stabilising an increasingly fraught relationship; none of the substantive differences has been resolved. On trade, Mr. Xi noted China's opposition to "starting a trade war or a technology war, building walls and barriers, pushing for decoupling and severing supply chains", reflecting Beijing's displeasure at Washington's latest export controls on chips, which have dealt a hammer blow to its semiconductor ambitions. Human rights is another sticking point. Mr. Biden "raised concerns" about Xinjiang, Tibet, and Hong Kong, while Mr. Xi retorted that "no country has a perfect democratic system" and "just as the United States has American-style democracy, China has Chinese-style democracy". The biggest factor, however, remains the Taiwan question. While Mr. Biden assured Mr. Xi that there was no change in the "one China policy", the view in Beijing is that the U.S. has been gradually "hollowing out" its Taiwan commitments. Should Ms. Pelosi's likely successor, Republican leader Kevin McCarthy, go ahead with his already declared plan to visit Taiwan, relations may yet again be plunged into crisis. While the thaw in ties between the world's two biggest powers will be welcomed in most Asian capitals that are wary of a brewing Cold War, the respite may yet turn out to be brief.

This unseating of vice chancellors is faulty

P.D.T. Achary

is former Secretary-General, Lok Sabha

Two recent judgments of the Supreme Court of India on the appointment of vice chancellors (VC) in State universities in violation of the regulations of the University Grants Commission (UGC) are significant in the context of higher education in a federal country such as India.

In the first case, *Gambhirdan K. Gadhvi vs The State Of Gujarat* (March 3, 2022), from Sardar Patel University, Gujarat, the Court (Justices M.R. Shah and B.V. Nagarathna) quashed the appointment of the incumbent Vice Chancellor on the ground that the search committee did not form a panel for the appointment of VC, and, therefore, was not in accordance with the UGC Regulations of 2018. It was held that since the State law was repugnant to the UGC regulations, the latter would prevail and the appointment under the State law had become void *ab initio*.

In the second case, from Kerala, i.e., *Professor (Dr) Sreejith P.S vs Dr. Rajasree M.S.* (October 21, 2022), with the Bench of Justices M.R. Shah and M.M. Sundresh, the appointment of the Vice Chancellor of the A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technological University, Thiruvananthapuram, was challenged on the ground that the search committee recommended only one name, which is against the UGC Regulations. The challenge succeeded and the Court quashed the appointment of the VC on the ground that the provision relating to the search committee in the University Act is repugnant to the UGC Regulations, and was therefore void.

But this decision of the Supreme Court triggered unprecedented developments in Kerala with the State Governor, Arif Mohammad Khan, who is the Chancellor of all the universities in Kerala, asking as many as 11 VCs of other universities of the State to resign immediately on the ground that their appointments too had become void after the Supreme Court's judgment. The case is now before the Kerala High Court. No VC has resigned as per the direction of the Governor. This development has intensified an already raging battle between the Left Democratic Front government and the Governor, which is likely to become fiercer with the Kerala High Court quashing the appointment of the VC of the Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies on November 14 on the ground that this appointment was in violation of the UGC Regulations.

At the core of the issue

In both these cases, the issue framed by the Supreme Court is about whether the appointment of VCs should be made as per the UGC Regulations or the provisions of the State University Act. In a federal system the framing of such a question by a court may look strange, but under the Indian Constitution both the Union and the State can legislate on a matter under the Concurrent list. As education is a subject on the Concurrent list, this question needs to be addressed seriously. A VC is appointed by the Chancellor under the relevant University Act, but the Supreme Court has brought in Article 254 of the Constitution to rule that if provisions of the State law are repugnant to the provisions of the Union law, the State law will become void. In the cases mentioned above, the top court found that the search committee recommended only one name for the appointment of VC which violates the UGC Regulations which require three to five names, and, therefore, the provision of the State law is void. Thus, the Court's conclusion is that if any provision in the State university law is repugnant to the UGC Regulations, the latter will prevail and the former will become void. So, on the one side we have an Act passed by a legislature and on the other we have regulations made by a subordinate body such as the UGC.

> The top court's conclusion that the provisions of the State University Act are repugnant to the regulations of the University Grants Commission under Article 254 is faulty

A conclusion that is faulty

The Court's conclusion that the provisions of the State University Acts are repugnant to the UGC regulations under Article 254 is faulty.

There are several reasons for saying this. First, a careful reading of Article 254 would show that the repugnancy under this Article relates to a State law and a substantive law made by Parliament. It impliedly excludes rules, regulations, etc. Rules and regulations are made by subordinate authorities – in this case the UGC – whereas the substantive law is made by the superior authority, namely Parliament. Article 254(2) says "... the law so made by the Legislature of such State shall, if it has been reserved for the consideration of the President...." Here the term 'law' denotes the Bill passed by the legislature and reserved for the consideration of the President which does not contain rules, regulations, etc. Identical words such as "any provisions of a law made by Parliament" are used in this Article in the context of Parliament. So, it can only mean the substantive law and not the subordinate law. Thus, it becomes clear that the repugnancy can arise only between the provisions of the University Acts and the UGC Act, and not the regulations of the UGC.

Second, the rules and regulations made by the subordinate authority, though laid in Parliament, do not go through the same process as a law. Normally these do not require the approval of Parliament. The rules and regulations have an inferior status as compared to an Act. The Constitution cannot be assumed to equate the Act with the rules.

Third, the Constitution does not, in general terms, define the term law. The inclusive definition of law given in Article 13(2) is applicable only to that Article. It has no application to other Articles, which means the term law does not include the rules, regulations, etc. for the purpose of Article 254.

Fourth, the regulations made by a subordinate authority of the Union overriding a law made by a State legislature will amount to a violation of federal principles and a negation of the concurrent legislative power granted to the State by the Constitution. Finally, the UGC Regulations on the appointment of VCs are outside the scope of the main provisions of the UGC Act as none of its provisions refers to the appointment of VCs.

Regulations are not independent legislations. They should be within the scope of the parent Act as otherwise they will be *ultra vires* the Act. A perusal of Section 26 of the UGC Act, which empowers the UGC to make regulations, would show that the appointment of a VC is not a matter on which the UGC can make regulations. So, the UGC's legal authority to make mandatory regulations on the appointment of VCs of State universities needs to be re-examined urgently.

An issue that is bound to State rights

The Supreme Court did not in the cases above analyse the concept of repugnancy before holding that the State University laws are repugnant to the UGC Regulations, and therefore the appointments are void *ab initio*. Article 254 needs to be analysed in depth before reaching such conclusions. Such an analysis would make it clear that a State law can be repugnant only to the central Act, and not the regulations and rules made there under. Since this issue is bound with the right of States to manage university education, more serious thought needs to be given to it. Even when there is repugnancy the Court has a duty to reconcile the provisions. The Supreme Court held in *S. Satyapal Reddy vs Govt. Of A.P.* (1994) that "the court has to make every attempt to reconcile the provisions of the apparently conflicting laws and the court would endeavour to give harmonious construction... The proper test would be whether effect can be given to the provisions of both the laws or whether both the laws can stand together". When this is done in most of the cases, there would be no need to strike down a State law on the ground of repugnancy.

Baghdad gets a government, but violence haunts Iraq

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Last month, two developments ended the paralysis that has gripped Iraqi politics since the general elections in October 2021. One, the divide between the Kurds ended with the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) reluctantly withdrawing its insistence on nominating the country's President and accepting the claim of its rival, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), to put forward its own candidate, Abdul Latif Rashid.

Once Mr. Rashid was approved as President with majority support in Parliament on October 13, he nominated Mohammed Shia al-Sudani as Prime Minister. On October 27, Mr. al-Sudani obtained parliamentary approval for himself and his cabinet.

Thus, after three years of care-taker administrations, there is finally an elected government in Baghdad, though few believe there will be peace in the country.

Deadly political rivalry

At the heart of Iraq's political malaise is the *muhasasa* (apportionment) system, bequeathed to the country during the occupation of the country by the United States from 2003. It provides that, after elections, Iraq's political order will function on a "spoils" basis, with offices (and attendant perks) being distributed among Shia, Sunni and Kurdish political groups.

This system has ensured that effective power has remained with a tight coalition of Shia parties, with residual influence being shared with Sunni and Kurd groups. This arrangement has also made Iran the central presence in Iraq's politics as the sponsor of most Shia parties and the militants that support them. The latter have been brought together under the umbrella of the Popular Mobilization Units (PMU), which remain a formidable fighting force outside the control of the national armed forces.

Popular uprisings against this system began in October 2019, when thousands of young people protested across the country about the absence of effective governance and their country's subservience to external influences – both Iranian and American. State violence unleashed upon the demonstrators, in which 600 people were killed and 20,000 injured, brought about the fall of the elected government, and ushered in a series of caretaker administrations charged with bringing in a reformed political system in the country.

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The last caretaker Prime Minister, Mustafa al-Kadhimi, in position from May 2020, effected electoral reforms and organised free and fair elections in October last year.

Hopes for reform dashed

However, the elections led to a fierce fratricidal conflict among the various Shia groups: one side, led by the cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, promoted a "majority national government", i.e., a government made up of different sects and ethnic groups and independent of foreign influence, while the other, the Coordination Framework, an assemblage of pro-Iran Shia parties and militia, insisted on government-formation on the basis of Shia unity that would maintain Shia domination in the political order.

Over several months, Muqtada al-Sadr made a valiant effort to build a majority in Parliament. His efforts were thwarted by two factors: one, the Coordination Framework remained intact and refused to back his agenda, fearing the dilution of Shia and Iranian influence. And, two, a surprise divide among the Kurds, with the KDP denying the PUK its two-decade old right to nominate the President. This meant that, in the absence of a President, a Prime Minister could not be invited to form a government.

This period of political impasse led the frustrated Muqtada al-Sadr to indulge in brinkmanship: in a show of force, he encouraged his followers to briefly occupy the parliamentary premises, set up tents in the protected "Green Zone" to signal long-term occupation, and then abruptly, on June 12, instructed the members of his coalition to resign their parliamentary seats.

If he thought this would force fresh elections, he was wrong: under Iraqi law, a resigning member would be replaced by the candidate who was placed second in the election. Thus, overnight, al-Sadr's parliamentary strength withered away, and the Coordination Framework, with several of its own and other allied candidates replacing al-Sadr's supporters, obtained a parliamentary majority. It put forward a former Minister, Mr. Mohammed al-Sudani, as its prime ministerial candidate.

On August 27, al-Sadr announced his "retirement" from politics and resorted to bluster and violence. But the parliamentary system moved forward. The Kurds agreed on a president from the PUK, who then invited Mr. al-Sudani to form the government.

Outlook for Iraq

Mr. al-Sudani's cabinet affirms that Iraq's muhasasa system remains intact: his 23-member cabinet has its principal Ministers from various Shia factions that were part of the Coordination Framework, with Sunni and Kurdish Ministers from diverse parties making up the balance. Only Muqtada al-Sadr's coalition has no representation in the cabinet. To appease him, Mr. al-Sudani has promised elections in a year's time.

The new Prime Minister has set out his agenda that prioritises combating corruption, economic development and delivery of services to his beleaguered people. But hardly anyone believes this will happen as an effective anti-corruption drive will adversely impact too many people in the Prime Minister's own inner circle. And, while oil revenues of $60 billion obtained in just six months of this year can provide the needed resources for economic recovery and delivery of services, these revenues have in the past hardly made any difference in the lives of the Iraqi people.

Muqtada al-Sadr, though now out of power, remains a serious concern. Fired by frustration, he is expected to play the populist card, even unleashing his cohorts onto the streets to pressurise the government, where they will confront militants from the PMU.

In coming months, violence could continue to define Iraqi politics.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Climate change

The editorial, on the need for climate action, published in *The Hindu*, an ardent and steadfast climate warrior, is an unmissable testimony to the gravity of the issue of climate change. It could not have been better timed especially as COP27 is turning out to be more of a damp squib. It is inexcusable that countries that have far greater carbon footprints, and therefore a historic responsibility towards climate mitigation, are failing to abide by the promises made in Paris.

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EWS quota verdict

I agree with the views of Justice Vineet Kothari (retired), published in the 'Letters to the Editor' column (November 15). He has rightly expressed the frustration of talented segments of society who are deprived of a better future because of caste-based reservation. There is heart-burn among bright students, which is a fact.

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It is with anguish that we read the letter which only seemed to express animosity toward the backward classes.

It is also very far-fetched to say (the jurist's words) that caste-based reservation has 'caused incalculable damage to meritocracy and resulted in work inefficiency, growing corruption and inaction and even an increase in the workload of courts', conveniently forgetting the 'forward communities' occupy most of the top positions in the government.

The jurist also stands exposed of his political leanings with his advocacy of "One nation, one policy" for public employment and admissions in educational institutions.

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Quest for transparency in FTA negotiations

To achieve the export target of $2 trillion by 2030, India is going the whole hog on free trade agreements (FTAs). India is negotiating FTAs with countries such as the European Union, Canada, the U.K., and Israel. These FTAs cover a wide array of topics such as tariff reduction impacting the entire manufacturing and the agricultural sector; rules on services trade; digital issues such as data localisation; intellectual property rights that may have an impact on the accessibility of drugs; and investment promotion, facilitation, and protection. Consequently, an FTA has a far-reaching impact on the economy and society. Given this, one legitimately expects transparency and greater scrutiny of the FTA process both during and after the negotiations.

But India negotiates most FTAs behind closed doors with very little information about the objectives and processes followed and negligible scrutiny. This is not the case in other countries with whom India is negotiating such an FTA. In the U.K., for example, there are several robust mechanisms that foster a certain degree of transparency in the FTA negotiations. Furthermore, there are institutional apparatuses that enable the scrutiny of the actions of the executive, during and after the signing of the FTA. Let us look at these mechanisms.

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FTA negotiations in the U.K.

First, the Department of International Trade (DFIT), U.K., publishes a policy paper laying down the strategic objectives behind negotiating an FTA and why it is important for the U.K. to have an FTA with a particular country. This policy paper is fairly detailed listing the specific advantages of signing an FTA such as the economic gains expected, distributional impacts, the environmental impact, and the labour and human rights dimensions of the FTA. In India, no such document is produced publicly that makes a case for signing an FTA and assessing its impact on the environment and society at large. The Commerce Ministry – the nodal body dealing with FTAs – on its website provides the bare minimum information about FTA negotiations.

Second, the policy paper that the DFIT publishes also contains the inputs and responses received by various stakeholders such as businesses, non-governmental organisations, and others. Furthermore, the policy paper also explains the government view on specific suggestions. Seemingly, the Commerce Ministry also undertakes stakeholder consultations and inter-ministerial meetings but there is no public record of these discussions and the government's response to the concerns of stakeholders.

Third, in the U.K., the strategic objectives identified by the government for signing an FTA are scrutinised by the U.K. Parliament. This job is performed by the International Agreements Committee (IAC) of the British Parliament. The IAC hears expert witnesses on the FTA, critically examines the government's strategic objectives for each FTA under negotiation, and offers key recommendations wherever it finds gaps in the government's approach. The U.K. government then responds to these recommendations. In India, there is no mechanism for such parliamentary scrutiny of the executive's actions during the FTA negotiations. India's parliamentary system allows for department-related parliamentary committees that discuss various topics of importance and offer recommendations. However, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce (PSCC) rarely scrutinises the Indian government's objectives behind negotiating and signing an FTA.

Fourth, in the U.K, under the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act, 2010, the executive has to lay down a treaty before the British Parliament for 21 sitting days with an explanatory memorandum before ratifying it. This allows Parliament to be apprised of the treaty the executive is going to ratify. In India, there is no mechanism for any role of Parliament in the ratification of treaties including FTAs. Entering into treaties and matters incidental to it such as negotiations, signing and ratification are within the constitutional competence of Parliament. But, Parliament in the last seven-plus decades has not exercised its power on this issue, thus giving the executive unfettered freedom in negotiating, signing, and ratifying treaties including FTAs.

India should take a leaf out of the U.K. book and develop a law on entering treaties including FTAs. This law should have the following parts. First, the executive should make a clear economic case outlining its strategic objectives publicly for entering into negotiations for a treaty such as an FTA. Second, the executive should be under an obligation to consult all stakeholders, respond to their concerns and make this information publicly available. Third, the Indian Parliament should constitute a committee on the lines of the U.K.'s IAC that will scrutinise the strategic objectives behind entering into an FTA. Fourth, the executive should place the FTA on the floor of Parliament for a certain duration, allowing Parliament to debate it, before ratifying it.

While the executive's constitutional prerogative of entering into an FTA or international treaties, in general, is indisputable, this power should be exercised in a manner that makes the executive answerable. After all, an integral facet of democracy is to hold the executive to account for its actions. It should be no different for negotiating international treaties including FTAs.

In India, there is no mechanism for any role of Parliament in the ratification of free trade agreements

Uneasy political situation in Rajasthan

Ministers of the Ashok Gehlot camp are shifting to the rival faction

STATE OF PLAY

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Having faced the umbrage of the Congress high command over the fiasco at a Legislature Party meeting two months ago, an embarrassed Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot is going through an uneasy situation just a year before the desert State goes to the Assembly polls in 2023. Some of the Ministers and MLAs of his own camp in the ruling party seem to have opened a front against him.

Mr. Gehlot will be subjected to a double whammy if the disgruntled elements in the rival faction of the Congress join hands with the leaders, aides and party workers considered loyal to him while demanding resolution of the leadership issue in Rajasthan. This will throw a new challenge to the veteran leader before the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra enters the State in December.

The once-strong grip of Mr. Gehlot on the party is gradually loosening with his inability to deal with those who are virtually questioning his authority by raising a host of issues ranging from centralisation of power to discrepancies in reservation for Other Backward Classes, formation of new districts and the Ministers' power to write annual confidential reports of bureaucrats.

The Gandhian leader's troubles seem to be increasing with the voices of dissent emerging from the rank and file of the party at the district and block levels. Amid the signs of disenchantment among local leaders waiting for the formation of district and block committees dis-

solved in 2020 following the then Deputy CM Sachin Pilot's rebellion, the clamour for a change of guard is rising with more and more members of the Gehlot camp shifting to the rival faction.

Mr. Gehlot had tendered an apology after a CLP meeting to pass a one-line resolution giving the high command the right to pick the next Chief Minister could not take place in Jaipur on September 25, as 90 MLAs boycotted it and submitted their resignations to Assembly Speaker C.P. Joshi. Mr. Gehlot was then a frontrunner for the post of Congress president.

After withdrawing himself from the party presidential election, Mr. Gehlot has sought to consolidate his position in the State, while sending across an explicit message that the Congress can form the government again if the next year's Assembly election is fought under his leadership.

As Mr. Gehlot has held on despite the Gandhi family calling for him to become the party's chief, new Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has his task cut out to decide whether to let Mr. Gehlot continue as the CM or bring about a regime change. With AICC general secretary Ajay Maken expressing his unwillingness to continue as Rajasthan incharge, Mr. Kharge will have to find another trustworthy leader who may help him deal with the stand-off.

Mr. Maken had accompanied Mr. Kharge to Jaipur as an observer for the CLP meeting, which triggered the latest spell of crisis in the Congress-ruled State. Political observers feel that the party's focus on the Assembly elections in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat has delayed a decision on the issue.

Meanwhile, Sachin Pilot's supporters have raised the demand for replacing Mr. Gehlot with his former deputy, who represents Tonk Assembly constituency. The issue of the State leadership should be addressed through one-to-one interactions between the central leadership and party MLAs that will make the legislators' sentiments clear, according to the Pilot camp, which also says that the matter should be resolved before the Bharat Jodo Yatra enters the State.

On his part, Mr. Pilot has been touring different regions across the State and speaking up in support of giving "respect and recognition" to the party workers.

Amid all of this political one-upmanship and veiled messages, both Mr. Gehlot and Mr. Pilot have joined Rahul Gandhi during his yatra on different days.

The leadership tussle has been accentuated by Mr. Gehlot's failure to remove a discrepancy created by 12.5% horizontal reservation granted to ex-servicemen in the ministerial and subordinate services within the OBC and other reserved categories.

It is evident that the Congress high command will have to take a decision on the leadership in Rajasthan immediately after the Assembly election in two other States, in order to avoid the creation of new flashpoints of conflict within the party.

Unknown sources of income spiked after electoral bond entry

National parties' unknown income rose from 66% to 71% in the three years before and after the scheme's introduction

DATA POINT

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Two developments have put the spotlight again on the controversial electoral bond scheme. On November 7, the Centre amended the scheme to allow an additional period of 15 days for electoral bond sales in years which have State elections. Whereas when it was introduced, these bonds were made available for a period of 10 days each in January, April, July and October with an exception in years with the Lok Sabha polls.

On October 14, the Supreme Court agreed to schedule a hearing of a petition challenging the scheme on December 6. While considering the petitions, Justice B.R. Gavai asked the government whether the scheme is transparent, to which Solicitor General Tushar Mehta replied, "The methodology of receiving money is absolutely transparent... It is impossible to get any black or unaccounted money." The NDA government has consistently claimed that the scheme has ushered in an era of transparency since it was introduced in 2018.

However, data analysed from the Association of Democratic Reforms' (ADR) annual reports reveal that the share of "unknown sources of income" has increased following the introduction of electoral bonds, achieving the opposite of what it was intended to do.

The ADR classifies income of political parties into two major types – known and unknown. The known sources of income are further classified into two types – voluntary donations made above ₹20,000 whose donor details are submitted to the ECI and "other sources of known income" such as sale of movable and immoveable assets, etc.

The unknown sources include donations below ₹20,000 via electoral bonds, sale of coupons, etc., for which the details of donors are not available for the public. An amendment to the Representation of the People Act by the Finance Act, 2017, created a provision to exempt parties from declaring funds collected using electoral bonds.

Table 1 shows that the share of such unknown sources of income for national parties increased from 66% between FY15 and FY17 to 71% between FY19 and FY21. The transition year FY18 was not considered for analysis. In the same period, the share of unknown sources of income increased from 55% to 68% for regional parties. The BJP's share of unknown income increased from 58% to 68% in the period, while the Congress' remained at around 80%.

Also, the electoral bonds' share formed 57% and 64% of the national and regional parties' total incomes in the FY19-FY21 period, respectively. So, the unknown share of income went up and electoral bonds were a major reason behind the rise. "Other known sources of income" was not considered while calculating total income in both periods as it is not dependent on donations.

Table 2 shows the split of various unknown sources of income to the national parties in ₹ crore. It shows that after the introduction of the scheme, the burden of unknown income has merely shifted from other routes such as donations below ₹20,000 and coupon sales to electoral bonds.

Meanwhile, the expenditures for elections and otherwise, have surged as shown in **table 3**. Both the BJP's and the Congress' election expenses increased by more than 60% between FY19 and FY21, as compared to FY15 and FY17

Table 4 shows that the BJP has cornered a lion's share of the electoral bond income. The party received 67% of funds through electoral bonds by all parties between FY18 and FY21. If only national parties are considered, the share goes up to 81%.

Bond villain?

The data were sourced from various annual reports published by the Association of Democratic Reforms which analyses the sources of funding of various national and regional political parties. Incomes and expenditures in the tables are in ₹ crore

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Table 1

In all tables, figures are in ₹ crore, unless otherwise mentioned	NATIONAL PARTIES 2014-15 to 2016-17	NATIONAL PARTIES **2018-19 to 2020-21**	REGIONAL PARTIES 2014-15 to 2016-17	REGIONAL PARTIES **2018-19 to 2020-21**	BJP 2014-15 to 2016-17	BJP **2018-19 to 2020-21**	CONGRESS 2014-15 to 2016-17	CONGRESS **2018-19 to 2020-21**
Total known income from donations > ₹20,000 (A)	1,314	**2,559**	331	**561**	1,046	**2,005**	204	**362**
Total unknown income (B)	2,550	**6,317**	399	**1,191**	1,431	**4,355**	757	**1,434**
Total income without other known sources (C)	3,864	**8,876**	730	**1,752**	2,477	**6,361**	961	**1,796**
Total income from electoral bonds (D)	0	**5,029**	0	**1,114**	0	**4,028**	0	**711**
% of known income (A/C)	34%	**29%**	45%	**32%**	42%	**32%**	21%	**20%**
% of unknown income (B/C)	66%	**71%**	55%	**68%**	58%	**68%**	79%	**80%**
Electoral bonds income as a % of total income (D/C)	0%	**57%**	0%	**64%**	0%	**63%**	0%	**40%**
Electoral bonds income as a % of unknown income (D/B)	0%	**80%**	0%	**94%**	0%	**92%**	0%	**50%**

Table 2

	Electoral bonds	Voluntary contributions (< ₹20,000)	Coupon sales	Other unknown sources of income
2020-21	**74**	**171**	**170**	**12**
2019-20	**2,994**	**194**	**177**	**12**
2018-19	**1,961**	**217**	**329**	**6**
2016-17	0	581	124	6
2015-16	0	514	173	21
2014-15	0	649	350	131

Table 3

	2017-18 to 2020-21
Total electoral bond income (A)	6,364
Regional parties' electoral bond income (B)	1,120
National parties' electoral bond income (C)	5,244
BJP's electoral bond income (D)	4,238
D/A (%)	67%
D/C (%)	81%

Table 4

	NATIONAL PARTIES 2014-15 to 2016-17	NATIONAL PARTIES **2018-19 to 2020-21**	BJP 2014-15 to 2016-17	BJP **2018-19 to 2020-21**	CONGRESS 2014-15 to 2016-17	CONGRESS **2018-19 to 2020-21**
Expenditure	3,862	**5,785**	2,062	**3,277**	1,280	**1,677**
Election expenditure	-	**-**	1,539	**2,566**	785	**1,264**
Change in total expenses (%)	-	**50%**	-	**59%**	-	**31%**
Change in election expenses (%)	-	**-**	-	**67%**	-	**61%**

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FROM THE ARCHIVES
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FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 17, 1972

Discrimination against migrant workers deplored

United Nations, Nov. 16: The General Assembly asked "certain countries of Europe and of other continents" yesterday to end "the discriminatory treatment to which migrant workers in their territory are the victims". The Assembly adopted a resolution to that effect by a vote of 123-0 with 1 abstention, after refusing to delete the reference to "certain countries" on a separate vote of 103-2 with 16 abstentions. The resolution asked those countries "particularly to ensure the improvement of arrangements for receiving such workers". Belgium and Denmark voted against the words, "certain countries of Europe and other continents". Neither explained its vote. But Mrs. Baroness Ellles of Britain, one of those that abstained from voting on the phrase, explained that she did so because "the emphasis of Europe is misplaced". The resolution recommended that the U.N. Commission on Human Rights "consider the labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking" at its next session, invited the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to continue its studies in that problem, and urged the governments to ratify the 1949 ILO convention in migration for employment. In other resolutions, the Assembly unanimously decided to "launch the decade for action to combat racism and racial discrimination" on December 10, 1973, 25th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Voted 124-0 with one abstention to request universal ratification by the date of the convention in the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination. Agreed 103-0 with 21 abstentions to ask that the Commission on Human Rights give priority at its next session to a revised draft on the suppression of apartheid.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 17, 1922

Hundred-year-old tree

The queerest tree on earth is one that grows in Damara Land, Africa. It is the Welwitschia mirabilis, named after its discoverer, Dr. Frederick Welwitsch, a German botanist who discovered it in the middle of the 19th century. The queerest tree lives 100 years. It has two leaves during its lifetime. The trunk is two feet in circumference. The two leaves are six feet long and two to three feet wide.

From Page One

War causing immense human suffering: G-20

The statement was issued soon after U.S. President Joe Biden chaired an emergency meeting of the western bloc in Bali after a missile from the Ukrainian battlefield landed in Przewodow in eastern Poland near the Polish border with Ukraine. NATO countries called for an emergency meeting to determine who exactly fired the missile.

The joint statement's reference to the phrase "today's era must not be of war" indicates that the collective has incorporated the argument that Prime Minister Narendra Modi first mentioned in his discussion with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's September meeting at Samarkand in Uzbekistan. "I know that today's era is not an era of war, and I have spoken to you on the phone about this," Mr. Modi had told Mr. Putin. Subsequently, this argument was reiterated by French President Emmanuel Macron, and by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres during his tour of India.

The leaders' declaration coming out of the Bali summit hinted at the conversation that has gone into ensuring that the draft reflects the strong western concerns regarding Russia, while making small concessions – especially with regards to food and fertilizer supply - for Russia, which may translate into openings for dialogue in the future.

Differing assessments

The declaration indicated that the G-20 summit addressed the impact that western sanctions against Russia have had on the global economy, saying, "There were other views and different assessments of the situation and sanctions. Recognising that the G-20 is not the forum to resolve security issues, we acknowledge that security issues can have significant consequences for the global economy."

The declaration from the G-20 leaders expressed concern about the challenges to global food security which has been intensified by the ongoing "conflicts and tensions", and committed to taking "urgent actions" to help developing economies.

"We will take further coordinated actions to address food security challenges including price surges and shortage of food commodities and fertilizers globally," the joint statement declared. The text of the outcome document also acknowledged the "Russian donations of fertilizers facilitated by the World Food Programme" and the Black Sea Grain Corridor.

Earlier, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, who led Moscow's delegation at the summit, said, Russia has "sufficient capability" to stabilise the world markets of wheat and fertilizers and announced, "Despite the sanctions and restrictions, we have already exported 10.5 million tonnes of grain, including about 8 million tonnes of wheat: about 60 percent of it went to Asia and about 40 percent, to African countries."

India opposes 'carbon border tax' at COP-27

"Unilateral measures and discriminatory practices, such as carbon border taxes, that could result in market distortion and aggravate the trust deficit amongst Parties [signatory countries to the United Nations climate agreements], must be avoided. BASIC countries call for a united solidarity response by developing countries to any unfair shifting of responsibilities from developed to developing countries," the statement said.

It also said that developed countries had "backtracked on finance and mitigation commitments and pledges" and there was a "significant increase" in the consumption and production of fossil fuels in the past year by developed countries, their statement underlined, even as they continue to press developing countries to move away from the same resources. "Such double standards are incompatible with climate equity and justice."

They said that adaptation was still not being accorded the balanced and substantive attention they deserved in the UN climate framework process, despite the opportunities and linkages with "loss and damage."

The latter refers to a demand by developing countries to have an institutional system to finance countries that are affected by climate change for the environmental damage that has already occurred.

Trump to run for White House for a third time

"America's comeback starts right now," he said, formally beginning the 2024 Republican primary. Another campaign is a remarkable turn for any former President, much less one who made history as the first to be impeached twice and whose term ended with his supporters violently storming the Capitol in a deadly bid to halt the peaceful transition of power on Jan. 6, 2021. Mr. Trump also enters the race in a moment of deep political vulnerability. He hoped to launch his campaign in the wake of resounding GOP midterm victories, fuelled by candidates he elevated during this year's primaries. Instead, many of those candidates lost, allowing Democrats to keep the Senate and leaving the GOP with a path to only a bare majority in the House. "We are a nation in decline," he said.

India's G-20 presidency will be inclusive, action-oriented: Modi

PM says the world is looking to India's leadership with hope; India to give priority to 'women-led development' on its G-20 agenda, he adds; Modi raises issues of 'trade, mobility, defence and security' in talks with British counterpart Sunak

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

New phase: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Indonesia's President Joko Widodo, and, right, British counterpart Rishi Sunak. AFP, REUTERS

India's G-20 presidency will be "inclusive, ambitious, decisive, and action-oriented", said Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who accepted the ceremonial gavel from Indonesian President Joko Widodo during the conclusion of the G-20 summit in Bali on Wednesday.

Mr. Modi, who also held meetings separately with the leaders of Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Singapore and the U.K., thanked Mr. Widodo and said the world was looking to India's leadership of the forum of the largest economies with "hope".

"India is taking charge of the G-20 at a time when the world is simultaneously grappling with geopolitical tensions, economic slowdown, rising food and energy prices, and the long-term ill-effects of the pandemic," Mr. Modi said.

He said that India would give priority to "women-led development" on its G-20 agenda, which would be driven by the recently unveiled theme of "One Earth, One Family, One Future". India is expected to showcase its geographical and cultural diversity during the year, and will hold approximately 200 G-20 meetings at different locations across the country.

Sources said Mr. Modi's talks with Mr. Widodo focussed on the problems of "food and energy security" that have particularly arisen due to the war in Ukraine. Earlier this year, Indonesia removed a ban on palm oil exports due to global shortages, and the Indian ban on wheat, sugar and other commodities was also discussed.

In his first meeting with British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Mr. Modi raised issues of "trade, mobility, defence and security", the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement. Officials added that the India-U.K. Free Trade Agreement, which missed its deadlines last month, was discussed.

Speaking to the media, Mr. Sunak said he was "committed" to the FTA with India, but would not sacrifice "quality for speed", and wanted to "take the time to get trade deals right". The British PM's office said Mr. Sunak, who is the first British Hindu PM of Indian-African origin, also "passed on his thanks to Prime Minister Modi for the overwhelming response of the Indian people to his appointment as Prime Minister".

While the issue of the Russian war in Ukraine overshadowed G-20 proceedings on Wednesday, none of the MEA readouts referred directly to it in talks between Mr. Modi and the European leaders.

Mr. Modi's meeting with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni focussed on the deepening India-Italy cooperation in "energy, defence, culture, boosting [efforts to combat] climate change and the economic partnership", he said in a tweet. In a meeting with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, the two leaders spoke about the "green partnership" on renewable energy, as well as strengthening trade and investment, the MEA said.

Mr. Modi's talks with French President Emmanuel Macron referred to the defence partnership between India and France, as well as the civil nuclear cooperation pertaining to the much-delayed Jaitapur nuclear power plant.

Mr. Modi also met his Singapore counterpart, Lee Hsein Loong, and discussed the ASEAN-India partnership, bilateral ties, and increasing investment in "fintech, renewable energy, skill development, health and pharmaceutical sectors", the MEA said.

2023 summit will be milked for Lok Sabha poll: Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

As India was handed over the presidency of the G-20, the Congress on Wednesday said the grouping's summit next year in New Delhi will be "milked by the world's greatest event manager" for the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

Congress's communication chief Jairam Ramesh tweeted, "G20, a grouping of 19 major economies & the European Union was set up in 1999. Since 2008 an annual summit is held in each member country IN TURN. Each country gets a chance & India will host the summit in 2023. It's certainly to be welcomed like similar summits held earlier."

"The Non Aligned Summit of over 100 countries took place in New Delhi in 1983 followed by the Commonwealth Summit. The 2023 Summit will of course be milked by the world's greatest event manager for the Lok Sabha elections a year later to distract from real issues of the people," Mr. Ramesh added in an apparent reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

'Demonetisation was part of steps to boost the formal economy'

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Union Finance Ministry told the Supreme Court on Wednesday that demonetisation in November 2016 was one in a series of "transformational economic policy steps" which led to a phenomenal growth in digital transactions, shrunk fake currency and saw more income tax payers.

The Centre claimed that the withdrawal of ₹500 and ₹1,000 banknotes, which had at the time formed more than 80% of the currency in circulation, was a "critical" part of a policy push to "expand formal economy" and thin the ranks of the informal cash-based sector.

The Ministry said that post-demonetisation, the volume of digital payment transactions had increased from 1.09 lakh transactions of value of ₹6,952 crore in the entire year of 2016 to 730 crore transactions of the value of more than ₹12 lakh crore in the single month of October 2022.

The government, in its affidavit before a Constitution Bench, claimed the "overall impact of the withdrawal of legal tender of the specified banknotes on economic growth was just "transient". On the other hand, "real growth rate" was 8.2% in the financial year 2016-17 and 6.8% in the financial year 2017-18, "both more than the decadal growth rate of 6.6% in the pre-pandemic years".

India deploys new docks, upgrades speedboats for Pangong Tso patrol

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The Army has deployed new landing docks and speedboats for patrolling on the Pangong Tso in eastern Ladakh, matching the Chinese deployments on the lake.

This is part of an overall capability enhancement and infrastructure development taken up by India since the 2020 stand-off to plug deficiencies and catch up with the Chinese build-up along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

"The induction has given huge impetus to our patrolling capability and we now have boats which match the adversary," a defence source said.

The landing crafts are capable of carrying 35 troops or one jeep and 12 personnel, while the speedboats can reach speeds of 35 knots, the source stated.

Pangong Tso has been an area of constant friction. GETTY IMAGES

In early 2021, the Army signed two contracts for the landing crafts and speedboats which were delivered in the second half of 2021.

A ₹65-crore contract was signed for 12 special-ised patrol craft with Goa Shipyard Ltd. (GSL). The second contract for 17 troop-carrying, flat-bottom fibreglass landing docks was signed with a private manufacturer, also in Goa.

The new landing crafts have also been deployed at Sir Creek in Gujarat facing Pakistan, sources stated.

Pangong Tso has been an area of constant friction between India and China for a long time. India holds one-third of the 135-km-long boomerang shaped lake.

The lake, a glacial melt, has mountain spurs of the Chang Chenmo range jutting down referred to as 'fingers' and the brackish water lake freezes in winter.

India has always held until Finger 4 while it claims till Finger 8, which is where the Indian perception of the LAC lies.

The north bank of the lake, which has a much more higher difference in perception of the LAC than the south bank, was the initial site of the clash in May 2020, the beginning of the stand-off. The Indian Army has a permanent position near Finger 3.

1,600 posts in CSS vacant as officers not promoted

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

A body representing the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) officers has written to the Department of Personnel and Training that despite Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement to fill around 10 lakh Central government vacancies by 2023-end, around 45% posts of Section Officers (SO) of the CSS are lying vacant as many officers have not been promoted since 2013.

On October 22, Mr. Modi launched the 'Rozgar Mela' (recruitment drive) for 10 lakh Central government jobs, where appointment letters were given to 75,000 appointees inducted in the first tranche.

The CSS Forum said that 1,624 posts are vacant in Section Officer Grade comprising 45% of the sanctioned strength of 3,600. It said that SO is a key post in Secretariat administration.

India takes part in Moscow talks on forming 'inclusive government' in Afghanistan

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

The humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and efforts to provide assistance were discussed

India joined the latest meeting of the 'Moscow format consultations on Afghanistan' that was held on Wednesday in the Russian capital.

The Moscow format – one of the several dialogue platforms on Afghanistan – which began before the Taliban takeover of Kabul, consists of Russia, China, Pakistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and India. Joint Secretary in-charge of Pakistan-Afghanistan-Iran division of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), J.P. Singh, represented India at the talks.

"During the meeting, the participants discussed issues related to Afghanistan, including the current humanitarian situation and the ongoing efforts of various stakeholders to provide assistance, intra-Afghan talks, formation of an inclusive and representative government, efforts to counter threats of terrorism and ensuring regional security," the MEA said in a statement.

The meeting was announced earlier this month by Zamir Kabulov, Special Representative of the President of the Russia for Afghanistan. Mr. Kabulov had outlined that the conference would try to discuss some of the negative trends started by the Taliban in the last one year.

"Without imposing our own vision of the religious and cultural arrangement of public life on the Kabul authorities, we [will] frankly draw attention to the counter-productiveness of the restrictions imposed on the participation of women in the labour force and girls in the process of obtaining education," Mr. Kabulov had said. A veteran Afghanistan-handler from Moscow, Mr. Kabulov has been championing a "trans-regional approach" to stabilise Afghanistan.

Mr. Singh led a humanitarian delegation to Kabul in June when he met leading Taliban figures and handed over large consignments of medicines and medical equipment to the Afghan people. Preliminary reports suggest that Wednesday's talks were held without the participation of any Taliban representative. Taliban spokespersons are yet to explain the reason behind this absence.

BJP leadership frowns over remarks made by ex-CMs on Dhami govt.

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

Taking amiss statements made by two former Chief Ministers of Uttarakhand – Trivendra Singh Rawat and Tirath Singh Rawat – criticising the current Pushkar Singh Dhami-led BJP government, the central leadership of the party summoned State unit chief Mahendra Bhat to Delhi to ask him to enforce some inner-party discipline in the State.

Mr. Bhat has been asked to speak to both leaders and urge them to voice their opinion within party fora and not in public and press. "Whatever concerns they may have over the Dhami government should be discussed on forums provided by the party rather than give out public statements," a senior party functionary said in Delhi.

Mr. Tirath Singh, who was the Chief Minister briefly before being replaced by Mr. Dhami in the run-up to the 2021 Assembly election, recently raised eyebrows with his reported comments that no work could be done in the State without paying commission.

Though he was purportedly heard saying in the undated video that no one in particular can be held responsible for this, his remarks embarrassed the party.

"*Commissionkhori* (bribe) was a practice prevalent in Uttar Pradesh and unfortunately, it continues in Uttarakhand," he said. Uttarakhand was a part of Uttar Pradesh before it became a separate State.

His predecessor, Mr. Trivendra Singh, had also recently expressed concerns over corruption.

The comments by the two leaders are also being seen as a reflection of internal differences within the party's rank of senior leaders in the State.

'People of Gujarat no longer find Modi appealing, exciting'

They are not voluntarily coming to BJP rallies, says the working president of Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee, while expressing confidence that his party is better placed for a win in the election

INTERVIEW

Jignesh Mevani

Abhinay Deshpande

Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee working president Jignesh Mevani, who represents Vadgam in Banaskantha district in the Assembly, exudes confidence that the Congress will romp home in the Gujarat Assembly election. He says his party has come up with a blueprint to create a new Gujarat. Excerpts:

What are the challenges for the Congress in the upcoming Assembly election in Gujarat?

We are better placed than last time. We have *karyakarta*s (party officials) in each and every booth. We have *jan mitras* (people's friends) in every panchayat and our *Parivartan Sankalp Yatra* across the State has begun. Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot is visiting Gujarat frequently. Second, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is no longer appealing and exciting to the people of Gujarat. In rallies where they [the BJP] are able to mobilise 40,000 to 50,000 people, most of them are government employees. Instructions are being given to the district administration to bring ASHA and Anganwadi workers, police constables, and mid-day meal employees [to the rallies]. People are not voluntarily coming to their rallies.

For the first time, I am of the view that BJP and RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh) cadre are not very enthusiastically defending Mr. Modi. Earlier, when someone used to say something against Mr. Modi, they would go berserk. Not any more. People started saying *Dadagiri aur tanashahi bahut badh gayi hai* BJP *ki* (the BJP's intimidating and domineering behaviour has increased a lot).

What do you think are the planks on which the Congress is campaigning?

While reacting and responding to what the BJP and the RSS have done, we have come up with a positive, proactive, progressive blueprint to create a new Gujarat. Our leader Rahul Gandhi has already promised schemes like free medical insurance of ₹10 lakh, implementing the old pension scheme, setting up 3,000 English medium schools, ₹4 lakh compensation for those who lost their family members due to COVID-19, loan waiver for farmers, and a housing plot or agricultural lands for landless people. We are focusing on unemployment and inflation. Inflation is 'the issue' during

this election. Be it the middle class, the lower middle class, farmers, SCs (Scheduled Castes), STs (Scheduled Tribes), or minorities, everybody is suffering from price rise.

Will the Aam Aadmi Party dent the Congress's votes, as claimed by the BJP?

I don't think so. If elections were held tomorrow, they [AAP] would draw a big zero. Making noise on social media and organising town halls doesn't mean that their organisational base is strong here and they can win the elections. Our party has a strong grassroots base, and even if they cut our votes, what is their commitment to fighting against the fascist forces to save the Indian Constitution and democracy which is captured and monopolised by Hindutva forces? Like Christophe Jaffrelot has rightly said in his book *Modi's India*, the kind of ethnic democracy Modi, the BJP and the RSS try to establish will further embolden and enhance forces like AAP, which is a risk for the nation. It simply means the BJP will have a similar kind of force in Opposition, a force which has no idea about this country.

Is it part of the Congress's strategy to let the State leadership take the lead role rather than relying on top bosses in Delhi?

Our central leadership will be guiding us. I have a better idea of what exactly the Dalits of Gujarat want. Amit Chavda, PCC chief Jagdish Thakor, and Bharat Singh Solanki have a better idea about the requirements of OBCs. School-teacher-turned-MLA Ananth Patel, a star emerging from the tribal community, knows how to win tribal votes. We need their [the Delhi leadership's] guidance and support, but, Gujarat *ka chunav tho* Gujarat *ke neta ladenge na*? (Gujarat elections will be fought by Gujarat leaders, right?)

It was a rare opportunity for you as an Independent candidate to serve the people of your constituency. Are you happy with your work?

It has been a struggle and a constant conflict with myself. There was a great mismatch between what I wanted to do and what people wanted me to do. But, despite all of that, I can assure you, my performance has been good. There is not a single thing that the BJP can say against me... Last time, they called me anti-national, anti-Hindu. But, no such propaganda is going to work this time. Even BJP supporters, who won't vote for me, are saying 'Jignesh has done good work'. Dalits, Muslims and tribals of my constituency know that I stand for a secular India.

Last time, you openly claimed that the AAP supported you in the election, but this time they fielded their candidate, and even the BJP has fielded Manilal Vaghela, who represented the seat from 2012 to 2017 as a Congress legislator. Don't you think it will be a tough fight?

They [AAP] don't have much space on the ground. I am well-placed in my constituency. I will be able to crack it and I don't have any apprehensions. When it comes to Mr. Vaghela, my fight is not against him, it is against Mr. Modi.

Here [in the Vadgam constituency], it will not be just BJP versus Congress, but it will also be Modi versus Mevani.

Cong. announces final list for Gujarat election

Party completes selection process, fields candidates for 179 of 182 seats, three seats are left for its alliance partner NCP; it has dropped nine legislators and given preference to OBC candidates

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

In its final list of 37 candidates for the Gujarat Assembly election announced on Wednesday, the Congress has fielded former Chief Minister Shankarsinh Vaghela's son, Mahendrasinh Vaghela, from Bayad, and former BJP MP and Minister Prabhatsinh Chauhan from Kalol in central Gujarat.

Mr. Mahendrasinh Vaghela was a two-time Congress legislator for the same seat before he quit the party in 2017 along with his father and others. He recently returned to the party and has now been fielded as a candidate.

Similarly, Mr. Prabhatsinh Chauhan, a veteran Other Backward Class (OBC) face in Panchmahal district, joined the Congress recently and now has been fielded from Kalol, a family pocket borough where the outgoing BJP legislator is his daughter-in-law, Suman Chauhan. She has been denied ticket by the BJP, which has instead fielded Fatehsinh Chauhan, a former legislator.

Poll ready: Gujarat Congress workers take part in the Parivartan Sankalp rally in Ahmedabad on November 7. VIJAY SONEJI

The Congress denied ticket to five sitting legislators, including from Bayad, where the sitting MLA has been dropped to accommodate Mr. Vaghela.

In the Dhandhuka seat of Ahmedabad district, the Congress has denied ticket to its incumbent MLA, Rajesh Gohil, and fielded Gujarat Youth Congress chief Harpalsinh Chudasama. Another sitting legislator dropped by the party is Niranjan Patel from Petlad, who was replaced by an OBC face, Prakash Parmar.

Gujarat Congress president Jagdish Thakor's brother Amurtji Thakor was fielded for the Kankrej seat in Banaskantha district.

With the announcement of 37 candidates, the Congress completed the candidate selection process and fielded candidates for 179 out of 182 seats, with three seats left for the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) as part of its State alliance.

The party dropped nine of its legislators in the State while giving preference to OBC candidates across regions.

In all, the Congress has fielded six Muslim candidates – two from Ahmedabad city, one from Kutch, and one each from Rajkot district, Bharuch, and Surat.

In the outgoing Assembly, the Congress has three sitting Muslim MLAs, who have been repeated by it.

The BJP also announced three candidates on Wednesday – for the Kheralu, Mansa and Gadhada seats. Now, only one candidate for the Manjalpur seat in Vadodara city is left to be announced by the party.

Thursday is the last day for filing of nomination papers for the second phase of the polls.

Maken says can't continue as Cong. Rajasthan in-charge, cites rebellion

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Senior Congress leader Ajay Maken has written to party president Mallikarjun Kharge expressing his "inability" to continue as the Rajasthan in-charge.

The letter by the All India Congress Committee general secretary for Rajasthan comes at a time when the supporters of former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot have mounted a fresh offensive against Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot for a leadership change in the State. Mr. Maken was perceived to be backing Mr. Pilot.

But the trigger for Mr. Maken's letter, say sources close to him, was the delay in taking disciplinary action against three Rajasthan Congress leaders – Shanti Dhariwal, Mahesh Joshi and Dharmendra Rathore – who were served a show-cause notice.

These leaders, the source said, would also be coordinating the Bharat Jodo Yatra when it passes through Rajasthan.

In his November 8 letter, Mr. Maken stressed that since the Bharat Jodo Yatra was entering Rajasthan in the first week of December and the Sardarshahar bye-election was taking place on December 5, "it is imperative to have a new in-charge as soon as possible".

Ajay Maken

Mr. Maken cited the September 25 face-off in which MLAs loyal to the Chief Minister refused to attend a Congress Legislature Party meeting to choose a new chief ministerial candidate. Mr. Gehlot was then a candidate for the party's presidential election and was expected to step down as the Chief Minister.

Mr. Maken and Mr. Kharge were appointed as observers for the CLP meeting during which MLAs were expected to authorise the high command to choose a new chief ministerial face. Mr. Pilot was considered the favourite.

However, a revolt by the MLAs derailed the plans and Mr. Gehlot opted out of the race.

In the letter, Mr. Maken expressed his intention to focus on Delhi through trade unions and NGOs.

Jariwala withdraws nomination; AAP says he was under pressure from BJP

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AHMEDABAD

Ahead of the Gujarat Assembly election, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) alleged that its candidate for the Surat East Assembly seat, Kanchan Jariwala, was "kidnapped and forced at gunpoint to withdraw his nomination" .

Mr. Jariwala became untraceable when he went to get his nomination papers scrutinised on Tuesday. Later, Mr. Jariwala, in a video, said he had withdrawn from the race after listening to his constituents.

The top brass of the AAP claimed that Mr. Jariwala had been kidnapped by BJP leaders.

He later surfaced, surrounded by policemen, at the returning officer's office to withdraw his nomination. "There is pressure on him to withdraw his nomination," AAP leader Manish Sisodia said.

The Election Commission, after meeting a four-member AAP delegation led by Mr. Sisodia, said the AAP representation about the issue has been "sent to CEO Gujarat to enquire and take action as warranted".

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INBRIEF

HC reconstitutes SIT probing Bengal recruitment scam

The Calcutta High Court on Wednesday reconstituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probing irregularities in the recruitment of Group C and Group D employees in State-run schools. Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay, who had expressed his reservation over the tardy pace of investigation, directed that the SIT would be headed by an officer of the Deputy Inspector-General rank. Justice Gangopadhyay relieved two officers and included four others in the SIT. During the day hundreds of job aspirants staged flash protests (in photo) near West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's residence.

Uttarakhand to make anti-conversion law stricter

With the aim to make the State's existing anti-conversion law more stringent, the Uttarakhand Cabinet on Wednesday cleared a proposal to make forced conversion a cognisable offence in the State, with the provision for punishment of up to 10 years' imprisonment. The 2018 Uttarakhand Freedom of Religion Act was created with the aim of reinforcing the importance of each religion equally under the Right to Freedom of Religion in Articles 25, 26, 27 and 28 of the Constitution. The State's anti-conversion Act till now stipulated a prison term of up to five years for "forced or fraudulent" conversion. The Cabinet also approved shifting the High Court from Nainital to Haldwani.

HC allows J&J to manufacture baby powder at 'its own risk'

The Bombay High Court on Wednesday permitted Johnson & Johnson to manufacture baby powder at "its own risk" in Mulund but withheld the permission for its sale and distribution as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) had revoked the licence. A Division Bench of Justices S.V. Gangapurwala and S.G. Dige was hearing a petition filed by Johnson & Johnson challenging the order by the State government, cancelling the manufacturing licence of its baby powder in Mumbai. The court directed the FDA to send fresh samples of the baby powder from the Mulund facility to three laboratories for testing. The next hearing has been set for November 30.

Wearing masks during air travel is no longer mandatory

Wearing masks during air travel is no longer mandatory, and the government has asked airlines not to impose any fines. However, cabin crew will continue to have to announce that passengers should "preferably" use masks, says a memorandum issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation on Wednesday. Guidelines on the COVID-19 protocol issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation in March 2021 had said that airlines could bar passengers from flying for three months to two years and airports could impose a fine if passengers refused to comply with social distancing norms or did not wear masks.

Supreme Court allows pension to 32 former women officers of IAF

A Bench said the petitioners had been fighting for 12 years for a chance to be considered for Permanent Commission but were now over age limit

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court, in a significant order on Wednesday, ordered the Union government to grant pension to women officers who fought for 12 years to get reinstatement and Permanent Commission in the Indian Air Force (IAF).

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud found the women had been fighting for 12 years for a chance to be considered for Permanent Commission.

The 32 officers, now over the age limit to be reinstated, had urged the court at least to consider them for pension.

The women, represented by senior advocate Meenakshi Arora, along with advocates Archana Pathak Dave and Chitrangda Rastravara, pointed out to the court's judgment in the Babita Puniya case upholding the right of women Short Service Commission officers to be considered for Permanent Commission on a par with their male colleagues.

The policy to induct women in the IAF included within itself the option of Permanent Commission, the petitioners said. FILE PHOTO

They also argued that the original policy to induct women in the IAF included within itself the option of Permanent Commission after completion of initial engagement of five years. The petitioners also included three women who had lost their husbands in the service of the nation and were themselves Short Service Commission officers.

The Bench directed the IAF to consider the petitioners on the same footing with other officers to grant pension benefits after considering their deemed service of 20 years.

Railways to build walls to prevent cattle ingress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Amid the recent cases of cattle being run over, the Railways has set a target of building 1,000 km of boundary walls over the next six months in the worst-affected areas across its network, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Wednesday.

"We are looking at two different designs. While we have approved one, which is a sturdy wall, over the next five to six months, we plan to build 1,000 km of such walls across sections to determine if the design works," he said.

The Minister also announced a new provision under which supervisory cadre in the Railways will have a chance to reach higher pay grades, equivalent to Group A officers, benefiting employees who were facing stagnation in their jobs. The move will immediately benefit 40,000 supervisor grade employees such as stationmasters, travelling ticket examiners and traffic inspectors, whom the Minister described as "field-level workers".

UGC asks universities to hold lectures on *loktantra* traditions

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Jagadesh Kumar

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has urged universities and colleges to hold lectures on themes such as the "ideal king" in Indian philosophy as well as khap panchayats and their "democratic traditions" to celebrate India as the "mother of democracy" on Constitution Day on November 26.

UGC Chairperson M. Jagadesh Kumar has written to all Governors to "encourage" universities in their States to conduct such lectures.

The UGC has provided 15 themes on which universities could hold lectures, and these include the concept of the "ideal king" (*rajarsi* or seer king or philosopher king) according to Kautilya as well as the Bhagvad Gita, India's *loktantra* (self-governance), Harappans as the pioneering architects of the democratic system in the world, and *khap* panchayats and their "democratic traditions".

The Bhakti tradition responsible for religious reforms, democracy as known to ancient Indian Buddhism, institutions of the Sikhs, tribal traditions in governance and the tradition of local self-government in ancient and medieval Tamil Nadu are among the themes suggested. These themes are based on a book brought out by the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) on "India: the mother of democracy".

"There are many indications that the ancient form of governance in India was democratic, contrary to the general belief that it was monarchical. There is more evidence in the form of archaeological, literary, numismatic, epigraphical, bhakti, and so on, to emphasise the Loktantrik traditions," Mr. Kumar said.

PCI pulls up Gehlot over remark on ads to newspapers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Taking *suo motu* cognisance of the reported remarks of Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot that advertisements would be issued to those newspapers that give publicity to government schemes, the Press Council of India (PCI) decided to examine in detail the charge that the *Rashtradoot* newspaper, the third largest circulated daily in the State, was being discriminated against in the issuance of advertisements.

The Rajasthan government has filed its advertisement policy with the PCI, and said the government was not indulging in discrimination.

Considering *Rashtradoot*'s statement to the PCI, the order said *prime facie*, it indicated that the newspaper was being discriminated against in the issuance of advertisements.

Celebrating Kolkata's veteran artists

Visits to the homes of Shanu Lahiri and Amina Ahmed Kar will be among the key events at this year's 'The City as a Museum' event organised by Delhi Art Gallery to mark Heritage Week

Bishwanath Ghosh
KOLKATA

Two Bengal-based women artists who were popular during their time but are on the verge of being forgotten will be celebrated during this year's "The City as a Museum" event held annually by the Delhi Art Gallery (DAG) to mark the International Heritage Week. Visits to the homes of Shanu Lahiri and Amina Ahmed Kar will be among the key events organised by the DAG from November 18 to 27.

Last year, a walk was organised at artist Abanindranath Tagore's house to celebrate the Heritage Week. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"There are so many instances where we see that our grandmothers or mothers learnt art or practised it but their works are never seen publicly and remain in family collections. In rare cases, families take the initiative and have the resources to preserve and showcase these works, which is what we see in the case of Shanu Lahiri and Amina Kar and which is why we are able to share their work through a visit to their family homes and house-museums as a part of this festival," Sumona Chakravarty of the gallery told *The Hindu*.

Rich archive

"Shanu Lahiri was a remarkable artist and educator who mobilised a women artists' collective, practised public art, wrote and spoke on the role of art, and built a rich archive of the works of the artists, musicians, writers in her creative community. Her family is now in the process of digitising this archive, which will give art lovers and scholars a glimpse into the city's cultural landscape post-Independence. We are lucky to be able to get a view of the process of putting this archive together and I hope it inspires others to delve into the forgotten histories in their own families," Ms. Chakravarty said.

"Amina Ahmed Kar is another artist that we are in danger of losing sight of completely. She was a writer and painter who moved from figurative works to non-figurative, geometric expressions, gathering in density and darkness over the period of her life," she said. "She also made some sculptural work which is on display at the Amina Kar gallery (her home) – the only venue where people can still see some of her work regularly. Along with her drawings and sketches, these rarely seen artefacts will remind us of her enduring significance today as an experimental artist who pushed the boundaries of self-expression through various formal innovations."

Other highlights at the event, being held in and around Kolkata since 2021 and which will move to Mumbai next year, include tours of the Hooghly Imambara, the Uttarpara Jaykrishna Public Library and Prasad Tagore Palace.

Mehrauli murder: narco test sought for accused

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has sought permission from a local court to conduct a narco-analysis test on Aftab Poonawala, who has been accused of killing his live-in partner and dumping her body parts in a south Delhi forest earlier this year.

On Wednesday, a senior police officer said that the narco test was necessary because Mr. Poonawalla was "changing his statements and not cooperating in the probe". The police are yet to receive permission for the test from the Saket court, the officer added.

A police officer said that CCTV footage from the area where the accused used to allegedly go to dump the body parts has been recovered and his movements have been captured. However, his activities in the video grab are not clear, the officer said.

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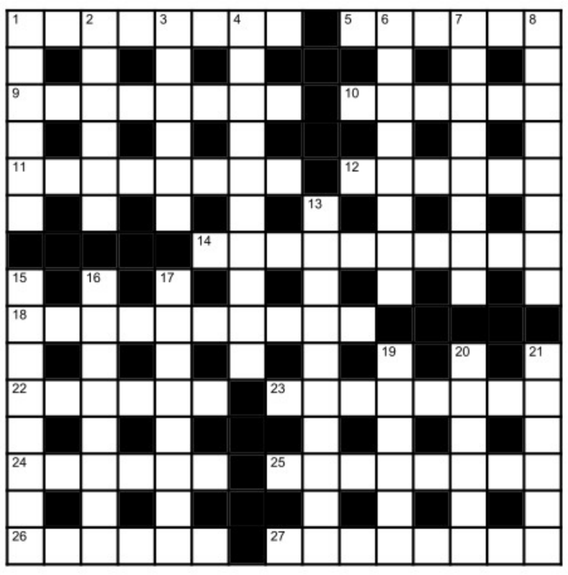

Across

1 Done with a group of actors. They are dull (8)
5 Disorganised tour peacekeepers participating is to terminate (3,3)
9 Line at temple entrance upset boy; to get cooler takes a sip of Kool-Aid (8)
10 Chilling account, totally exciting narration at the start of series, perhaps (6)
11 Devices to remap areas around mountain (8)
12 Jewellery at branch rented (6)
14 Wife or son? Cooler one will get an admirer (10)
18 Time demands when there is no time? Does away with (10)
22 Indian from Nagaland border area at Virginia with sweetheart (6)
23 One boards taxi to procure flour in Delhi to make bread (8)
24 Account concerning the dead... (6)
25 ...almost enough, put in the moon by a foreigner (8)
26 Pass away? Go (6)
27 Fighter's roar after gaining energy; he is shifting (8)

Down

1 Budget is finished, take deposit (6)
2 I am back with police officer. It's concerning the expat (6)
3 Measure copper parts (6)
4 I, with two men, disengage from extraordinary melodramatics of priests. (10)
6 Daring fraud, I with a new leader unravelled (8)
7 Six deliveries, round first slip and covers (8)
8 Vehicles of thespians; Tesla right? It's written in the front (8)
13 Self control of a sect is magic, sacrificing silver; extraordinary (10)
15 Managed to return to party after getting sign of painter (8)
16 New valet lives (not lives) with a small seal (8)
17 From the beginning Jack is under Japan's intense training, studying ultimate martial arts (8)
19 Being unwell, boy inside is weakening (6)
20 Ancient Greek region is a dry, primarily inhabitable cold area (6)
21 Game starting late? Exposed plan (3,3)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Seek pardon and surrender

The guidelines prescribed in the Vedas and scriptures are my commands, says Lord Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita. They are for us to follow and derive benefit. In the course of leading our life, we commit various sins and mistakes. Some are done with our cognisance while others without our knowledge. The great acharya Sri Ramanuja has composed Gadyathrayam. In that he has listed out various sins we commit. They are classified into five types – Doing things which are not to be done; not doing things that are to be done; committing sins towards God; incurring through our acts the displeasure of devotees of God; and various other intolerable sins.

In the same Gadyathrayam, Ramanuja has suggested for our sake the ways to overcome them. Like a gem covered with dust and its radiance hidden, our soul and mind are encompassed with evil ideas due to karma that induce us to indulge in misdeeds. We have been in the turmoil of repeated births and deaths. Isn't there a way out to overcome this? There are four stages involved and each stage wipes out a quarter of our sins. The first one is realisation of our mistakes. The second stage is taking a steely resolve not to commit again. Through the third, we have to yearn to take remedial measures and finally by taking the actual remedial measures, the effects of our sins are neutralised completely. God is ready to accept us. By a meek surrender and tendering pardon, we derive His blessings. Sri Vedanta Desika in his work Nyasa Dasakam has explained the quintessence of Gadyathrayam, the importance of seeking pardon and surrender, in a lucid manner, said Navalpakkam Vasudevachariar in a discourse.

NUSA DUA

Macron urges China to play 'greater mediation role' on Ukraine

French President Emmanuel Macron on Wednesday urged China to play a "greater mediation role" to help avoid an escalation of the Ukraine war, a day after talks with his Chinese counterpart. China has declined to put pressure on Moscow, and helped shield Russia from diplomatic censure at forums such as the United Nations. AFP

PARIS

Iran issues new death sentences as protests enter third month

Iran issued a series of death sentences as women-led protests over Mahsa Amini's death in custody entered the third month on Wednesday, with clashes overnight leaving at least six people dead. Street violence raged across Iran overnight as protests sparked by the September 16 death of Amini intensified. REUTERS

PESHAWAR

Pakistan Taliban shoot dead six police officers in gun ambush

Six police officers were killed in an ambush in northwest Pakistan on Wednesday, officials said, an assault claimed by the nation's homegrown Taliban. Gunmen with automatic rifles launched an attack around 7 a.m. (0200 GMT) on a police vehicle patrolling the village of Shahab Khel, 100 km from the Afghan border. AFP

WASHINGTON

U.S. Senate Republicans vote to keep McConnell as leader

U.S. Senate Republicans, who failed to win control of the chamber in last week's midterm elections, on Wednesday voted to keep Mitch McConnell as their caucus leader, a spokesperson said. Mr. McConnell fended off a challenge by Senator Rick Scott, who had run the Republicans' election organisation. REUTERS

Poland says missile that hit it was Ukrainian stray

From the information that we and our allies have, it was an S-300 rocket made in the Soviet Union, and there is no evidence that it was launched by the Russian side, says Polish President

Reuters
WARSAW

A missile that hit Poland was probably a stray fired by Ukraine's air defences and not a Russian strike, Poland and NATO said on Wednesday, easing global concern that the war in Ukraine could spill across the border.

Nevertheless, NATO's chief said Moscow, not Kyiv, was ultimately to blame, for starting the war in the first place and launching the attack that triggered Ukraine's defences.

"This is not Ukraine's fault. Russia bears ultimate responsibility as it continues its illegal war against Ukraine," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters in Brussels.

NATO Ambassadors were holding emergency talks to respond to the blast on Tuesday that killed two people at a grain facility in Poland near the Ukrainian border, the war's first deadly spillover onto the territory of the Western military alliance.

"From the information that we and our allies have, it was an S-300 rocket made in the Soviet Union, an old rocket and there is no evidence that it was launched by the Russian side," Polish President Andrzej Duda said. "It is highly probable that it was fired by Ukrainian anti-aircraft defence."

Ground zero: A damaged vehicle lies next to a crater formed at the site of an explosion in Przewodow, a village in eastern Poland near the border with Ukraine. REUTERS

Mr. Stoltenberg also said it was likely a Ukrainian air defence missile.

Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki said Warsaw might not need to activate Article 4 of NATO's treaty, which calls for consultations when a member country considers its security under threat. Earlier, U.S. President Joe Biden said the missile was unlikely to have been fired from Russia.

Russian strikes

The incident occurred while Russia was firing scores of missiles at cities across Ukraine.

Kyiv says it shot down most of the incoming Russian missiles with its own air defence missiles. Ukraine's Volyn region, just across the border from Poland, was one of the many Ukraine says was targeted by Russia's countrywide attacks. The Russian Defence Ministry said none of its missiles had struck closer than 35 km from the Polish border, and that photos of the wreckage in Poland showed elements of a Ukrainian S-300 air defence missile.

Asked whether it was too early to say if the missile was fired from Russia, Mr. Biden said: "There is preliminary information that contests that. I don't want to say that until we completely investigate it, but it is unlikely in the lines of the trajectory that it was fired from Russia, but we'll see." The Kremlin said on Wednesday that some countries had made "baseless statements" about the incident, but that Washington had been comparatively restrained.

Zelensky's accusation

Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters that Russia had nothing to do with the incident, which he said had been caused by an S-300 air defence system.

In a tweet issued hours after the incident, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky blamed it on "Russian missile terror". There was no immediate Ukrainian response on Wednesday to the suggestions that it was a Ukrainian stray.

Biden, Sunak discuss Indo-Pacific, Northern Ireland at G-20 summit

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

U.S. President Joe Biden and British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak had a bilateral meeting in Bali on the fringes of the G20 Summit, where they discussed the U.K.'s Indo-Pacific priorities, Russia and Northern Ireland. Mr. Sunak had, as per his press secretary, told Mr. Biden that the border issues with Northern Ireland, which have arisen following Brexit, would be resolved by the spring next year.

This is the first meeting between the two men since Mr. Sunak, assumed office at the end of October.

Readouts from both said the leaders discussed upholding the Belfast/Good Friday agreement – i.e., the framework for peace in Northern Ireland . U.S. officials have previously indicated that a free trade deal with the U.K., contingent on the U.K. respecting the Northern Ireland Protocol – avoiding a hard border between Northern Ireland the Republic of Ireland. The issue of a hard-border has arisen since the U.K. left the European Union (EU) as Ireland continues to be a part of the EU.

Friendly terms: Joe Biden listens to Rishi Sunak during a meeting on the sidelines of the G-20 summit, on Wednesday in Indonesia. AP

Mr. Sunak agreed with Mr. Biden that the issue will be resolved by the 25th anniversary of the agreement in the spring next year, the *Guardian* reported. "The Prime Minister did refer to that anniversary next year and ensuring that we get a negotiated settlement that protects the Good Friday agreement by then," Mr. Sunak's press secretary was quoted as saying.

Likeminded allies

The Downing Street readout also said that Mr. Sunak and Mr. Biden "stressed the importance of likeminded allies providing a counterpoint to authoritarian regimes, including ensuring developing countries can grow in a sustainable way".

The leaders also agreed on the importance of "sustained engagement" in the Indo Pacific, citing AUKUS (a security alliance between Australia the U.K., and the U.S.) as an example, as per Downing Street. Mr. Sunak also outlined Britain's Indo-Pacific priorities, including joining the CPTPP trade bloc. The U.K. is currently in the process of acceding to the treaty.

The meeting included discussions on Russia's "barbaric missile strikes in Ukraine", a White House readout said. The explosion in eastern Poland was also discussed, as were the "challenges posed by China" , climate and sustainable and secure energy supplies. The Downing Street readout of the meeting did not refer to China, as the White House readout did.

However, hours before the meeting, Mr. Sunak's office released a statement previewing a meeting he was supposed to have with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Wednesday.

Mr. Sunak was seeking "to establish a frank and constructive relationship" between the two countries the statement said , even as it called the challenges from China "systemic" and "long-term".

"China is a country with fundamentally different values to ours, with an authoritarian leadership intent on reshaping the international order," the statement said.

Wednesday's meeting between Mr. Sunak and Mr. Xi was cancelled due to "scheduling issues" according to the U.K. government. Mr. Biden had convened an emergency meeting with G7 and NATO leaders to discuss the missile strike in Poland that killed two people, which reportedly resulted in the day's schedule changing.

Kuwait puts to death seven in rare execution

Associated Press
DUBAI

Kuwait on Wednesday put to death seven prisoners in a rare mass execution in the small, oil-rich nation despite facing international criticism over its plans.

The state-run *KUNA* news agency described those executed as all being convicted of premeditated murder and other charges in the sheikhdom. It identified those killed as three Kuwaiti men, one Kuwaiti woman, a Syrian man, a Pakistani man and an Ethiopian woman.

Kuwait said the executions took place at its Central Prison. It did not identify the method it used to carry out the executions, though the sheikhdom typically hangs its condemned prisoners.

However, it can use firing squads as well.

Kuwait hadn't held an execution since 2017, when it similarly carried out a mass execution of seven prisoners, including a ruling family member.

Lula offers to host 2025 UN climate talks in Brazil's Amazon rainforest

Reuters
SHARM EL-SHEIKH

Brazil's Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva received a warm welcome at the COP-27 summit in Egypt on Wednesday, where he pledged to recommit the rainforest nation to tackling the climate crisis and offered to hold future U.N. climate talks.

"I am here to say to all of you here that Brazil is back in the world," he said, speaking at an event alongside governors of Brazilian Amazon states.

Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva

A leftist who won his third term in office last month, Mr. Lula said he would seek to make Brazil the host of COP-30 in 2025 and would aim to put the venue in the Amazon rainforest, rather than the more populous coastal region.

Defending climate

The country had been set to host the annual U.N. summit in 2019, until Mr. Lula's predecessor – right-wing President Jair Bolsonaro – refused to go ahead with it.

"It's important for it to be in the Amazon. It's important for the people who defend the Amazon, the people who defend the climate, to closely get to know what the region is," said Mr. Lula, who is due to take office in January.

Brazil's 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro set the stage for all major international environmental agreements since, with the signing of U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change, which is aimed at preventing extreme climate change and was the foundation of the COP meetings.

At least 3 dead in military attack on rebel-run mine in Myanmar

Agence France-Presse
YANGON

A Myanmar rebel group said on Wednesday it was investigating whether Chinese nationals were among those killed and wounded in a military air-strike on a mine that it runs. A coup last year in the Southeast Asian nation has sparked renewed fighting between the military and some of Myanmar's numerous ethnic armed groups.

On Tuesday the military clashed with fighters from the Karen National Union (KNU) near the Thai border, both sides said. The military later carried out an air-strike on the Thabyu antimony mine run by the KNU, killing three people, wounding four and leaving at least eight missing, a KNU commander told *AFP*.

Local people said one of the dead was a Chinese citizen and that another had been wounded, media reported. The KNU commander said around 200 Chinese nationals were involved in on-site operations at the Thabyu mines and that the group was "still investigating" whether any were among the dead or missing.

Analysts say many areas along Myanmar's lawless eastern border are awash with Chinese investment, including in casinos, mines and logging. The junta said it had carried out an "operation" on the mine, without specifying what this was.

China is one of the Myanmar military's few international allies and has refused to label the power grab that ousted Suu Kyi's government a coup.

U.K. and India to launch a Young Professionals Exchange in 2023, says Downing Street

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak will announce a new "partnership" with India on Wednesday, at the G-20 summit in Bali, Downing Street has announced. Under the U.K.-India Young Professionals Scheme, the U.K. will offer, annually, 3,000 degree-holding Indians in the 18-30-year age group places to work in the U.K. for up to two years. The scheme will commence in early 2023 and be on a reciprocal basis. "I know first-hand the incredible value of the deep cultural and historic ties we have with India," Mr. Sunak said in a statement.

> The U.K. has more links with India than almost any country in the Indo-Pacific region
> **PM'S OFFICE**

"I am pleased that even more of India's brightest young people will now have the opportunity to experience all that life in the U.K. has to offer, and vice-versa," he said.

Mr. Sunak had spoken in the summer during his campaign to be Prime Minister about having a reciprocal exchange with India.

"The U.K. has more links with India than almost any country in the Indo-Pacific region," a press note from Downing Street said, with Indians comprising almost a quarter of all international students in the U.K. and Indian investment in the U.K. supporting 95,000 jobs in the country. The U.K. government called the launch of the program a "significant moment" for the U.K.-India relationship but also the U.K.'s links to the Indo Pacific.

The Indo Pacific was "teeming with dynamic and fast-growing economies" Mr. Sunak said.

Talks on finalizing a trade deal between the countries are still underway and the prospect of them concluding before a Deepavali deadline was diminished in part due to comments by British Home Secretary Suella Braverman, who had said Indians were the largest group of visa over-stayers in Britain.

"In parallel to the mobility partnership with India, we are also strengthening our ability to remove immigration offenders," the Downing Street statement said, citing the May 2021 MoU on the mobility and migration partnership which deals with returning visa over-stayers to their home countries.

INBRIEF

PV sales may hit 38 lakh units in FY23: Tata Motors' Chandra

Passenger vehicle sales in India could hit a record of more than 38 lakh units in FY23 but the strong growth momentum is not expected to carry over to 2023-24 with pent-up demand already having been released, said Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles MD Shailesh Chandra. The growth rate in FY24 would also depend on the impact of new set of regulations such as BS VI phase II and new safety regulations next year, he told analysts. PTI

TVS Supply Chain Solutions renews deal with U.K. firm

TVS Supply Chain Solutions (TVS SCS) has announced the renewal of a key business deal with Dennis Eagle Ltd., U.K. for a further period of five years. Through the extension of this contract, TVS SCS's U.K. division will continue to add value in their aftermarket service and supply of spare parts to Dennis Eagle, the company said in a statement. Dennis Eagle is engaged in the design and manufacture of refuse collection vehicles in the U.K.

DLF, Adani, Naman Group vie for Dharavi redevelopment

The Maharashtra government has received bids from DLF Group, Adani Group and Naman Group for the redevelopment of Dharavi, one of the largest slum clusters in the world. S.V.R. Srinivas, CEO of the Dharavi Redevelopment Project and commissioner of Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority said, "We have received three bids, we will now do the technical scrutiny in a few days. Whoever will qualify... we will open the financial bid." The project cost is estimated to be about ₹20,000 crore.

Hold urgent meeting of GST Council, West Bengal's Amit Mitra urges FM

Advisor to State's Chief Minister flags Council's failure to meet in the last four-and-a-half months; points to the lack of finalisation of the reports of two Groups of Ministers (GoM) for more than a year as leaving crucial issues unresolved

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Former West Bengal Finance Minister Amit Mitra on Wednesday wrote to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman seeking an urgent meeting of the the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council., which he underlined had not been convened in the last four-and-a-half months.

Dr. Mitra, who is principal chief advisor to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee observed that Rule 6 of the Procedure & Conduct of Business Regulations of the GST Council state that the "Council shall meet at least once in every quarter of the financial year".

"Yet, in utter violation of this solemn provision, you have not called a single meeting of the Council (physical or virtual) over the last four-and-a-half months," wrote Dr. Mitra. "Not even an intimation of any exigency was communicated to the Minister of State, Finance of West Bengal, or any other member of the GST council," asserted the economist, who was a founder member of the GST Council.

Observing that the outcome of two Groups of Ministers (GoM), formed in May and September 2021 were still to be finalised, with only an interim report submitted by one of them, Dr. Mitra said the Council needed to meet to resolve the crucial issues these panels had been tasked to review. He also pointed out that in the "federalist spirit" all States were doing stellar work in raising GST collections, which benefited the central government as much as it aided States.

'Zero tolerance'

West Bengal's 'zero tolerance' on default in filing of GST returns had helped lift compliance to 93% in the April-October period, from 70% last year, he asserted.

Dr. Mitra's missive comes a day after Ms. Banerjee warned the Centre should stop collecting GST if it didn't clear the dues it owed to the States.

Tardy schedule

GST Council has not met even once in last four-and-a-half months

- Rule 6 of Council's business norms mandate a meeting at least once every quarter
- Former State FM says neither physical nor virtual meeting has been called
- Flags the absence of intimation of any exigency for the Council's failure to meet

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	61,981	0.17
US Dollar	81.26	-0.43
Gold	53,449	0.32
Brent oil	92.61	-0.76

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3956.60	-101.20
Adani Ports	887.35	-19.55
Apollo Hosp	4479.25	-132.70
Asian Paints	3083.05	3.75
Axis Bank	855.40	-3.25
Bajaj Auto	3747.45	-16.70
Bajaj Finserv	1685.65	-22.85
Bajaj Finance	6895.05	-130.70
Bharti Airtel	841.20	5.95
BPCL	306.45	-2.45
Britannia Ind	4131.50	-7.85
Cipla	1121.20	2.45
Coal India	234.90	2.75
Divis Lab	3289.80	-36.80
Dr Reddys Lab	4481.00	47.30
Eicher Motors	3503.05	-4.90
Grasim Ind	1727.50	-6.00
HCL Tech	1105.20	1.30
HDFC	2697.20	21.70
HDFC Bank	1632.90	13.90
HDFC Life	528.10	-4.80
Hero MotoCorp	2739.45	8.70
Hindalco	447.40	-9.50
Hind Unilever	2477.85	20.35
ICICI Bank	913.60	1.90
IndusInd Bank	1144.10	-8.75
Infosys	1602.80	8.80
ITC	344.10	-1.15
JSW Steel	708.25	-14.10
Kotak Bank	1965.90	53.50
L&T	2003.60	7.05
M&M	1286.70	-5.00
Maruti Suzuki	9134.95	-27.25
NestleIndia	20097.90	42.35
NTPC	169.95	-2.15
ONGC	142.90	0.55
PowerGrid Corp	217.10	1.10
Reliance Ind	2592.35	-14.95
SBI Life	1254.90	-4.40
State Bank	599.75	-1.10
Sun Pharma	1018.65	2.60
TataConsumerProduct	769.55	-3.20
Tata Motors	431.55	-5.60
Tata Steel	106.55	-2.00
TCS	3355.35	22.75
Tech Mahindra	1066.85	-0.10
Titan	2644.30	-12.35
UltraTech Cement	6912.00	-52.55
UPL	767.50	-2.75
Wipro	398.25	1.10

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 16

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.10	81.42
Euro	84.54	84.91
British Pound	96.74	97.12
Japanese Yen (100)	58.22	58.46
Chinese Yuan	11.46	11.51
Swiss Franc	86.31	86.66
Singapore Dollar	59.32	59.56
Canadian Dollar	61.22	61.49
Malaysian Ringitt	17.83	17.93
Australian Dollar	55.02	55.28

Source:Indian Bank

LIC move to sell RCL debt riles bidders

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Days ahead of the deadline to submit binding bids, LIC's move to sell its ₹3,400-crore secured principal debt of cash-strapped Reliance Capital Ltd. (RCL) to an asset reconstruction company (ARC) has irked its lenders and bidders.

LIC is conducting a Swiss Challenge process to invite bids from asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) to sell its exposure in RCL, sources said, adding prospective bidders will be asked to better the offer. However, the sources said Asset Care and Reconstruction Enterprise would have the first right to match the counter offer.

The last date to submit the bids is November 25, while the deadline for submission of binding bids for RCL is November 28.

According to the sources, the Committee of Creditors (CoC) of RCL are upset as to why LIC has initiated a parallel process to sell its debt so close to the bids submission deadline.

Virmani made a full-time member at NITI Aayog

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Former Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Virmani has been appointed as a full-time member of NITI Aayog, according to an official notification.

Mr. Virmani served as the chief economic adviser in the finance ministry (2007-2009).

The NITI Aayog presently has three members - V.K. Saraswat, Ramesh Chand and V.K. Paul.

'Refiners wary of buying Russian oil'

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Indian refiners are wary of buying Russian crude oil loading after December 5 when EU sanctions take effect, pending clarity on the proposed G7 price cap mechanism, according to sources familiar with the refiners' purchase plans.

Reliance Industries Ltd. had not placed orders yet for Russian cargoes loading after December 5, two sources told Reuters. Neither had state-run Bharat Petroleum Corp., the sources added.

The Indian refinery companies did not respond to e-mails from Reuters seeking comments.

According to the sources, Reliance is cautious about reactions from foreign banks given its exposure to the western financial system and overseas sales of refined products.

Still, Indian Oil Corp., had placed orders for Russian cargoes, including for loading some parcels beyond December 5, under term and spot deals, said one of the sources.

Sundram Fasteners to cut capex by ₹100 cr.

N. Anand
CHENNAI

Sundram Fasteners Ltd. (SFL) has decided to cut down its capital expenditure for FY23 by ₹100 crore to ₹300 crore due to current input and business conditions, said CFO R. Dilip Kumar.

The auto components maker had earlier planned a capex of ₹1,000 crore for three years beginning FY23 with ₹400 crore.

"But given the current inputs and the business conditions, we are set to incur about ₹300 crore this year," the CFO said in an earnings call.

The capex reduction was mainly due to the slowdown in the passenger vehicle sector and was not triggered by the EV or wind energy sectors, Mr. Kumar said.

Stating that SFL would spend about ₹80 crore on wind energy this year, he said, "We hope to take the revenue from the current ₹150-180 crore to about ₹300-350 crore in the next 18 months."

Mr. Kumar said that SFL was planning to strike a balance between exports and non-auto in terms of revenue in the ratio of 50:50 to insulate itself from the cyclical nature of auto sector.

'Better data practices can help boost profits'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Data increase in value when treated like currency, said the study by Infosys Knowledge Institute

Better data practices can bring in incremental profits to the tune of $460 billion for global enterprises, according to a study by Infosys Knowledge Institute, a thought leadership arm of Infosys.

Enterprises would be able to generate an additional over $460 billion in profits if they did three things – improved data practices, trusted in advanced artificial intelligence (AI), and integrated AI with business operations, the study said.

According to the research, companies that embrace data-sharing economy will be able to generate greater value, as data increase in value when treated like currency and circulated through hub-and-spoke data management models.

"Companies that don't trust their data, risk a vicious cycle of pilot purgatory and only use data and AI to solve small problems," said Satish H.C., EVP and Co-Head Delivery, Infosys. "Data management combined with trust in AI is the dual solution to increase business capability and financial rewards," he added.

About 2,500 senior technology leaders and executives across 13 industries were interviewed.

Garment exports slide 21% led by steeper fall in knitwear shipments

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Apparel exports contracted 21% last month to $988.72 million, from $1.25 billion in October 2021, according to provisional export data.

Of this, knitwear exports shrank 32.5% in dollar terms and 25.8% in rupee terms, with the knitwear hub of Tiruppur, registering an almost 40% contraction (in dollar terms) last month.

Knitwear exports contracted for the third straight month, according to the Tiruppur Exporters' Association (TEA), with shipments from Tiruppur progressively shrinking month-on-month by 17.4%, 33.1% and 39.8% in August, September and October, respectively.

Average capacity utilisation at garment exporting units in Tiruppur was 30% now, observed Kumar Duraiswamy, joint secretary of TEA.

The U.S., EU, and the U.K. account for 85% of shipments from Tiruppur. With high inflation in these economies, clothing was not a priority for consumers now, according to Mr. Duraiswamy. Also, with buyers saddled with huge stocks, they were postponing delivery.

"We have huge inventory of finished goods as the brands are asking us to defer shipments," said a leading garment exporter in Tiruppur, speaking on the condition of anonymity. With buyers in the EU and the U.S. holding high inventory, and expectations of better sales during the Thanksgiving holidays and Christmas, orders were likely to revive only by January, the exporter added.

Natco partner loses appeal in U.S. on cancer drug copy

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Drugmaker Natco Pharma on Wednesday said that the Appeals Court in the U.S. had rejected marketing partner Alvogen's appeal on Ibrutinib tablets of 140 mg, 280 mg, 420 mg and 560 mg strengths – the proposed generic equivalents to cancer drug Imbruvica tablets.

Natco and its co-development and marketing partner Alvogen Pine Brook LLC, USA, are assessing their options on the way forward, the pharma company said.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division, 12th Main, 11th Cross, West of Chord Road, Bangalore

No.EE/MLP/TEND/E-Proc/15/2022-23 Date:15.11.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFA)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division, invites item rate tenders from eligible contractors / Tenderers for various construction works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Ward No.	Est. Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)	No. of Works
1	50	55 to 80	1,10,000 to 1,60,000	3
2	51	67 to 98	1,34,000 to 1,96,000	3
3	52	67 to 80	1,34,000 to 1,60,000	3
4	53	65 to 70	1,30,000 to 1,40,000	3
5	54	72.00	1,44,000	1
6	55	95 each	1,90,000	2
7	56	57 to 60	1,14,000 to 1,20,000	4
8	57	80 to 85	1,60,000 to 1,70,000	2
9	58	75 to 82	1,50,000 to 1,64,000	3
			Total Works	24

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GOK e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** **2)** Date of Pre-Bid Meeting: **21.11.2022 at 11:30 am. 3)** Last date for uploading the tenders: **30.11.2022 upto 3.00 pm. 4)** Date of opening Technical Bids: **02.12.11.2022 at 11.00 am**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division.

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Executive Engineer, Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited, No.1, HLBC, Division, Channarayapatna

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No.14/2022-23 DATED:15.11.2022. (Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

(Section-1:Technical Bid and Section-2:Financial Bid -Two tender document System) On behalf of the Managing Director Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited, Bangalore tenders are invited on e-procurement portal by the Executive Engineer, No1, HLBC, Division, Channarayapatna, Hassan District, Karnataka State from eligible contractor Registered in KPWD/CPWD/public organization for the work mentioned here under on TURN KEY Basis. Sl.No 1 Name of work SCHEME TO LIFT WATER FROM NAGAMANGALA BRANCH CANAL AT CH: 5.100 KM NEAR JABAGHATTA VILLAGE TO FILL SANTHESHIVARA & OTHER TANKS IN NUGGEHALLI HOBLI OF CHANNARAYAPATNA TALUK FOR DRINKING WATER PURPOSEON TURNKEY BASIS TENDER. Approximate amount put to tender. Rs.in Lakhs 2018.94 E.M.D. @ 1% in Rs. Lakhs 20.19 Tender processing fee in Rs. As specified in the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Stipulated period for Completion 12 Months (Twelve Months) (including monsoon) Category of Contractor Eligible Class-I contractors of KPWD/CPWD The contractors can request for e-proc documents and can have access to eproc. Documents from 16.11.2022 to 30.11.2022. upto 4.00 PM Date of Pre bid meeting will be held on 22.11.2022 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Chief Engineer, Hemavathy Reservoir Project, Gorur – 573120, Hassan District, Karnataka State, Date of Opening of Technical bid on 02.12.2022 at 11.00 A.M. and financial bid will be opened after the approval of technical bid. If any variation found in amount put to tender and E.M.D, amount mentioned in the bid document will be consider as final. Note: Further details can be obtained from the above office or e-procurement website (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, No.1, HLBC Division, Channarayapatna

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KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(Government of Karanataka)
Executive Engineer KNNL MRBCC Division No.1 Nargund Dist: Gadag
Tell Phone No : 08377-244236 e-mail : knnlestablishment@gmail.com

No.KNNL/MRBCC.Div-1/PB/Tender/2022-23/1797 Dated: 15-11-2022

Tender Notfication
(Through Gov. e-Procurment plat form only)

The Persentage tenders are invited through e-procurement platform in two cover system as per KW-4 from Class-I contractors registered in public works department by the under signed on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL 4th Floor, Coffee Board Building Dr. B.R Ambedkar Veedhi Banglore-560001.

1) Works 2 Nos. 1) **Indent No.34185** 2) **Indent No.34186**
2) Amount put to Tender. (Excluding GST) (1) Rs **126.60** Lakhs 2) **Rs 126.82** Lakhs
3) EMD Amount (Including GST) (1) **Rs 2.25 Lakhs** (2) Rs **2.25 Lakhs**
4) Tender querries/clarification :Dtd: **21-11-2022** during office hours.
5) Pre-bid meeting will be Conducted on **21-11-2022** at **11.30** AM. in the O/o Executive Engineer KNNL MRBCC Division No.1 Nargund Dist: Gadag.
6) last Date of submission of completed e-tenders: **25-11-2022** up to **4:00 PM.**
7) Techical bid Opening: **28-11-2022** After **11.00** AM
8) Financial Bid opening: **30-11-2022** After **11.00**AM

Contractor eligibilty/Tender conditions/Tender processing fee etc can be had form the website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/ e-portel/ index-seam and linking e-tender in the office of the under signed on telephone- **08377-244236.** The under signed have the right to reject any or all other tender without assiging any reason whatsoever.

Further information can be had from the under signed during the office hours on telphone **08377-244236.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/GADAG/429/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY **KNNL MRBCC Division No.1 Nargund**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/MNG/EE(O)/AEE-2/2022-23/4546-52 Date: 14.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the following works.

(1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT 9280/Call-3 **for Replacement of existing age old ER make 11kV switchgears by new one at 110kV station, Brahmavara (Call-3).**

(2) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2022-23/INDENT2123/Call-3 **for Design, Manufacturing and Supply of 48 V-200 AH & 48 V, 300 AH plante type Battery sets along with accessories under buy back scheme required for Mangaluru Transmission Circle (Call-3).**

(3) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9271/Call-2 **for Providing an additional satellite earth mat to an extent of 2736 sqmtr at 110kV Vittla substation (Call-2).**

(4) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2021-22/EL/WORK_INDENT8194/Call-3 **for Combined Package of Balance Portion of work for (a) Balance work of 110/11kV substation of Karaya in Belthangady Taluk (Civil work). (b) Balance work of Construction of proposed 110kV SC line in DC towers from Puttur VIT college limits to Karaya substation for a distance of 15kms. (c) Balance work of Construction of 110kV terminal bay for the proposed 110kV SC line to Karaya at the existing 110kV Puttur substation in Dakshina Kannada District (Call-3).**

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "**e-Procurement-KPTCL**" or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **19.11.2022** Other details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superntending Engineer (Ele)., Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Maroli, Mangaluru-575005. Ph: 0824-2211342

GETTING INTO THE GROOVE

Neymar begins training with Brazil teammates for the World Cup

Neymar took part in Brazil's training session on Tuesday, his first with the national team ahead of the World Cup. He joined the group later than the rest of the players because of a problem with his flight from France, where he finished the first part of the season with PSG. He left the training session about half an hour before his teammates.

BACK IN THE MIX

Bale '100% fit' as Wales returns to the big stage after 64 years

Gareth Bale has declared himself '100% fit' for the World Cup in Qatar as Wales prepares for its first appearance at the finals in 64 years. The 33-year-old has played just half an hour of football since completing his first 90 minutes for more than a year in Wales' Nations League defeat to Poland in September.

PRIZED MEMORABILIA

'Hand of God' ball fetches £2 million at auction

The ball that Diego Maradona handled to score his infamous 'Hand of God' goal for Argentina against England in the 1986 World Cup was sold for £2 million at an auction on Wednesday. The white adidas 'Azteca' ball, owned by that match's Tunisian referee Ali Bin Nasser, was tipped to fetch up to £3 million.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE

Qatar to count emissions from World Cup shuttle flights

World Cup host Qatar said it will count emissions produced from daily flights ferrying fans during the tournament between the Gulf Emirates. Qatar claimed the tournament will be "carbon neutral", but environmental experts have questioned how rigorous its plan to count and offset all the event's emissions is.

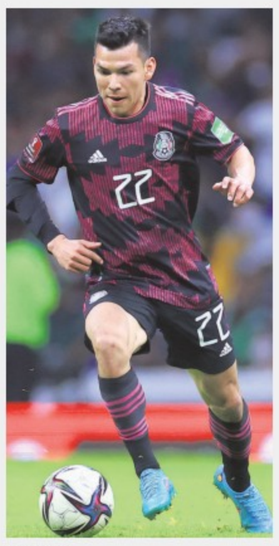
Will the *Albiceleste* give Messi a perfect send-off?

Argentina is expected to coast through as Group C topper; Poland's hopes rest on Lewandowski; Mexico will look to make it eight-in-a-row while Saudi Arabia's aim will be to cause a few upsets

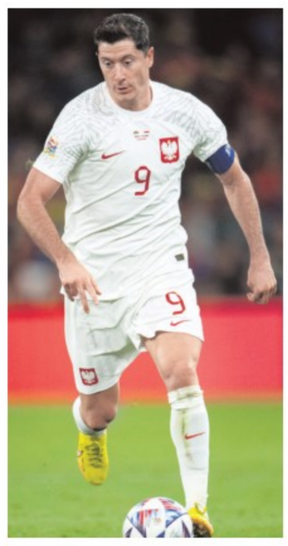
Factfile GROUP C

ARGENTINA
Appearances: 18
Matches: 81 | Goals: 137
Ranking: 3
Best performance: Winner in 1978 and 1986
Captain: Lionel Messi
Coach: Lionel Scaloni
Watch out for: Lionel Messi

SAUDI ARABIA
Appearances: 6 | Matches: 16
Goals: 11 | Ranking: 51
Best performance: Round-of-16 in 1994
Captain: Salman Al-Faraj
Coach: Herve Renard
Watch out for: Salem Aldawsari



MEXICO
Appearances: 17 | Matches: 57
Goals: 60 | Ranking: 13
Best performance: Quarterfinalist in 1970 and 1986
Captain: Andre Guardado
Coach: Gerardo Martino
Watch out for: Hirving Lozano



POLAND
Appearances: 9 | Matches: 34
Goals: 46 | Ranking: 26
Best performance: Third in 1974 and 1982
Captain: Robert Lewandowski
Coach: Czesław Michniewicz
Watch out for: Robert Lewandowski

FIFA WC COUNTDOWN

Pranay Rajiv

With Lionel Messi hinting that this could very well be his last World Cup, Argentinian fans across the globe will be pinning their hopes on the *Albicelestes* to give a perfect farewell for the seven-time *Ballon d'Or* award winner.

Its first hurdle will be to come out of what looks like a seemingly straightforward Group C, which also includes Saudi Arabia, Mexico and Poland.

It has been a while since Argentina has entered a World Cup with such confidence and conviction. Over the last two years, it has won the Copa America and Finalissima, beating Brazil and Italy, while keeping a clean sheet. It will be a massive surprise if Argentina doesn't top the group, let alone qualify for the round-of 16.

Poland and Mexico look set to scrap it out for the second spot in the group.

ARGENTINA

There wasn't much hope when Lionel Scaloni took over as coach four years ago. But he has transformed Argentina into a resolute unit and got the best out of Messi. The trophyless streak was broken in the 2021 Copa America and the side is now on a 35-game winning streak.

Injuries to key players – Leandro Paredes, Paulo Dybala, Giovani Lo Celso and Angel di Maria – is the biggest concern for Scaloni. But Argentina seems to have the depth to overcome this shortcoming.

SAUDI ARABIA

After leading Morocco to the 2018 World Cup, Herve Renard returns, this time helming Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia had an impressive qualifying campaign, where it topped the group ahead of Japan and Australia. Though defensively compact, the Green Falcons rarely fly when it comes to scoring goals. The last time the side scored more than one goal was in October 2021 when they beat China 3-2.

MEXICO

In the last seven World Cups, Mexico has made it out of the group stage, only to fall at the first hurdle – round of 16. In Qatar, too, the signs aren't good for Gerardo Martino's side. With injuries to star striker Raul Jimenez and midfielder Jesus Corona, Mexico has a clear lack of potency, particularly up front.

Mexico's opening game against Poland on November 22 will be crucial if it has to progress for the eighth straight time.

POLAND

Robert Lewandowski has been carrying Poland's hopes for most of the last decade. Qatar will be the 34-year-old striker's last chance to make a mark on the biggest stage. For Poland, coach Czeslaw Michniewicz, the challenge lies in providing Lewandowski, who is yet to score in a World Cup, the right support system. Poland is sweating over the fitness of 'keeper Wojciech Szczesny.

Denmark the only big concern for France as it begins its title defence

GROUP D

P.K. Ajith Kumar

The last three World Cups weren't memorable for the reigning champions. Italy (2010), Spain (2014) and Germany (2018) were knocked out in the preliminary stage itself.

A similar fate is unlikely to befall France, even though it has been hit by injuries to key players.

Still it shouldn't be difficult for France to progress from Group D in which it has only Denmark – that has troubled it recently – to worry about.

It was only a couple of months back that the Danes defeated France 2-0 at the UEFA Nations League in Copenhagen. When the two teams faced off in June in Paris, Denmark won 2-1.

The Danes may not mind making it a hat-trick of upsets when the two European sides meet in Doha on November 26. That clash could very well determine the group winner.

With France and Denmark expected to progress to the round of 16, the other two – Tunisia and Australia – will clearly have to punch above their weight.

FRANCE

Coach Didier Deschamps has received a few setbacks – midfielders Paul Pogba and N'Golo Kante were ruled out some time back while forward Christopher Nkunku picked up an injury in training on Tuesday and will not be making the trip.

But Deschamps should be confident of his side's depth, especially in attack, where Kylian Mbappe and Karim Benzema could be a nightmare for any defence.

Not to forget, the team also has Antoine Griezmann, Olivier Giroud and Ousmane Dembele.

For France, offence could well be the key.

DENMARK

Denmark had a dream World Cup debut in 1986, when it won all its group matches before being knocked out in the round of 16 by Spain.

Twelve years later, it reached the quarterfinals, its best performance in the tournament. In Qatar, it will be hoping to go even farther.

The way Denmark qualified and has played this year should give it a lot of confidence.

Midfielder Christian Eriksen, who suffered an on-field cardiac arrest during Euro 2020, has authored one of the greatest comebacks in sporting history and his playmaking skills could be vital.

The team's strength is its solid defence, featuring the likes of skipper Simon Kjaer and Andreas Christensen. And behind them standing at the goal will be the redoubtable Kasper Schmeichel.

AUSTRALIA

Australia's exit in the cricket T20 World league stage was a shocker, but if its football team progresses from the preliminary league here, it could be an even bigger surprise.

Manager Graham Arnold must be desperately hoping that the team's best player Ajdin Hrustic recovers fully from his ankle injury.

Also, there have been concerns about the fitness of attack spearhead Martin Boyle.

TUNISIA

Tunisia's campaign has never progressed beyond the league phase in five editions. The grouping suggests a change is extremely unlikely this time too.

Tunisia, though, may fancy its chances against Australia.

It has some fine players, including Wahbi Khazri, captain Youssef Msakni, Ellyes Skhiri and Seifeddine Jaziri.

Factfile GROUP D

FRANCE
Appearances: 15 | Matches: 66
Goals: 120 | Ranking: 4
Best performance: Winner in 1998 and 2018
Captain: Hugo Lloris
Coach: Didier Deschamps
Watch out for: Karim Benzema

DENMARK
Appearances: 5 | Matches: 20
Goals: 30 | Ranking: 10
Best performance: Quarterfinalist in 1998
Captain: Simon Kjaer
Coach: Kasper Hjulmand
Watch out for: Christian Eriksen

AUSTRALIA
Appearances: 5 | Matches: 16
Goals: 13 | Ranking: 38
Best performance: Round-of-16 in 2006
Captain: Matthew Ryan
Coach: Graham Arnold
Watch out for: Ajdin Hrustic

TUNISIA
Appearances: 5 | Matches: 15
Goals: 13 | Ranking: 30
Best performance: Third in its group in 1978, 2006 and 2018
Captain: Youssef Msakni
Coach: Jalel Kadri
Watch out for: Wahbi Khazri

A talented team that has much to offer Portuguese fans: Ronaldo

The star forward says the first target is to progress from the group stage and that the team will have to be at its very best to achieve that objective; Ghana and South Korea will not be pushovers, he feels

INTERVIEW

Cristiano Ronaldo

Qatar will not be the last time we see Cristiano Ronaldo in a Portugal shirt as he has said that he wants to continue till the 2024 Euros at least. In 2026, he will be 41.

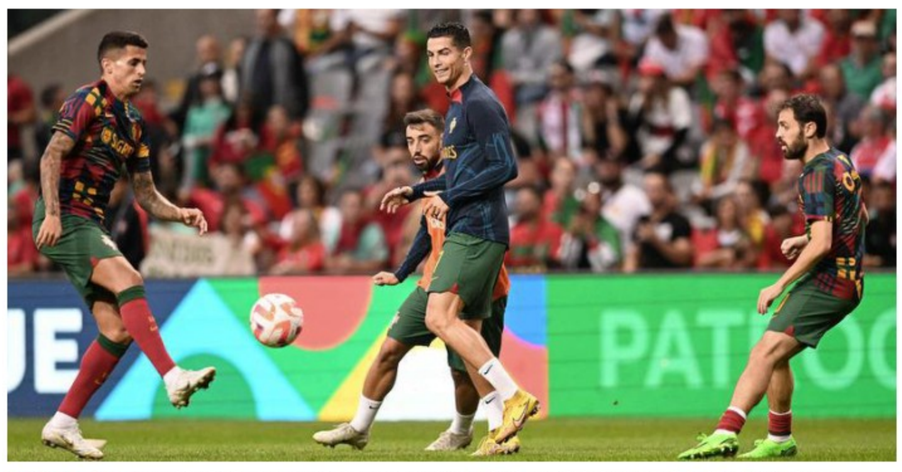
It's definitely tough for a footballer to represent his team at that age, but if CR7 decides to do so, nobody can stop him.

Your fifth World Cup in a row... the best memories?

The first was, and will be, always special. We reached 2006 semifinals. That is the furthest we have gone. The next two did not go as well as we had thought, especially 2014. Personally it was satisfying to start 2018 with a hattrick against Spain. But we lost to Uruguay in the second round which was really disappointing.

Chance for revenge in the group stage as Uruguay will be your second opponent?

I don't see it that way. If we beat Uruguay here, will we advance to the quarterfinals of 2018? No. That is why, revenge is not a right word for me.



In the swing: Ronaldo feels that Cancelo, Fernandes and Silva's club forms will help Portugal. AFP

It's just a rematch, the results of which will be irrelevant to what has already happened. It's a league match, it can end in a draw, too. I shall not take the field with revenge on my mind.

Do you believe that progressing to the second round will be easier this time?

That's not true at all. Ghana is a very good team. They are strong physically and talented too. Have you forgotten how South Korea ousted the reigning champion Germany in 2018? It's a difficult group and it will require a lot of grit to qualify from our group.

Experts say with many Premier League stars, Portugal is one of the dark horses to win...

I don't believe in such tags of "favourite" or "dark horse". It's on paper and football has never been played on paper! You have to perform to your potential. The opponents will try to best to contain you. They are here for a reason, too. Every match is a battle and you need to be strong mentally and physically.

But the presence of Bruno Fernandes, Bernardo Silva, Ruben Dias and Joao Cancelo beside you should be more satisfying, is not it?

Definitely. They have been playing really well and representing big clubs in a big league. That counts. They are among matches. Although this could be tiring some time, especially when you come from Premier League to the World Cup, without much rest. But these talented Portuguese footballers have so much to offer to the team and Portuguese fans.

Supercomputer predicted a Portugal-Argentina final recently...

This is a prediction and I cannot comment on that. If that happens, fine. But we cannot sit in our dressing rooms and think about it. If we are to reach the final, we need be at our best in the first six matches. Let us first play well to earn a passage to the knockouts.

INBRIEF

Narender and Sachin to the fore in Thalaivas-Pirates tie

Patna Pirates and Tamil Thalaivas played out a thrilling tie (33-33) in their Pro Kabaddi League Season 9 match in Pune on Wednesday. Raider Narender (16 points) shone for Thalaivas and Sachin (14) for Pirates. Pardeep Narwal (22) powered UP Yoddhas past Dabang Delhi 50-31.

Rajasthan United opens with a win over Churchill Brothers

Rajasthan United claimed all three points in its I-League 2022-23 season-opener against Churchill Brothers, registering a 2-1 win in Panjim on Tuesday. Substitute P.M. Britto's second-half strike proved to be the decisive goal after Melroy Assisi's header was cancelled out by Churchill's Abdoulaye Sane at the end of the first half.

Praggnanandhaa and Arjun suffer a reverse again

From the threshold of victory, R. Praggnanandhaa slipped to a heart-breaking loss to Anish Giri after Magnus Carlsen continued his domination of Arjun Erigaisi in the second round of the $210,000 Meltwaters Champions Chess Tour Finals on Tuesday. Praggnanandhaa took a 2-0 lead over Anish in their four-game rapid clash before the latter bounced back to make it 2-2. He won the first blitz game and gained the much-needed draw in the second for a 3.5-2.5 verdict. Carlsen won two games with black pieces and in between drew with black for a 2.5-0.5 victory over Arjun. In other matches, Liem Le Quang dismissed Wesley So 2.5-0.5 and Jan-Krzysztof Duda defeated Shakhriyar Mamedyarov 2.5-1.5.

Deepak, Vanshaj off to flying starts at Youth World boxing

Asian youth medallists Deepak and Vanshaj made winning starts on the opening day of the IBA Youth men's and women's World Boxing Championships in La Nucia, Spain. Deepak (75kg) took just over a minute to beat his Albanian opponent Useid Nika with a RSC verdict. Vanshaj (63.5kg) was in complete control against Uzbekistan's Boltaev Shavkatjon and won 5-0.

Former basketball captain Moontasir passes away

Indian basketball legend Gulam Abbas Moontasir passed away in Mumbai on Tuesday after prolonged illness. He was 80. Moontasir led India in 1969 and 1975 Asian Basketball Championships and was selected in the Asian All-Star team in 1970. In his long and illustrious career, he built a reputation for aggressive play and was fiercely competitive on court. Moontasir was conferred the Arjuna Award in 1970.

THURSDAY'S HAZARE TROPHY SCHEDULE

Group A (Delhi): Gujarat vs. Saurashtra; Hyderabad vs. Uttar Pradesh; Himachal Pradesh vs. Tripura; Chandigarh vs. Manipur.

Group B (Kolkata): Jharkhand vs. Rajasthan; Delhi vs. Karnataka; Meghalaya vs. Vidarbha; Assam vs. Sikkim.

Group C (Bengaluru): Andhra vs. Bihar; Arunachal Pradesh vs. Haryana; Chhattisgarh vs. Kerala; Goa vs. Tamil Nadu.

Group D (Mumbai): Madhya Pradesh vs. Uttarakhand; Jammu & Kashmir vs. Punjab; Baroda vs. Odisha.

Group E (Ranchi): Maharashtra vs. Mumbai; Railways vs. Services; Bengal vs. Pondicherry.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 8.30 a.m.

Australia vs England: 1st ODI, Sony Sports 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8.50 a.m.

ATP Finals: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6.30 p.m. onwards

ISL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Pre World Cup Friendlies: Sony Sports 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.30 a.m. (Friday)

Roadmap for 2024 T20 World Cup starts now, says skipper Hardik

The next edition is almost two years away and we have time to unearth new talent; a lot of matches will be played by then, feels the India allrounder

INDIA IN NZ

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WELLINGTON

Stand-in T20I skipper Hardik Pandya on Wednesday said the road map for 2024 T20 World Cup starts now, adding that going forward a lot of players will be given chances to stake their claim in the side.

"Yes, we all know there is disappointment of the World Cup but we are professionals and we need to cope with it. How we cope with our success we cope up with our failures and move forward and look forward to get better rectify our mistakes," said Hardik.

The next T20 World Cup will be played in 2024 in the West Indies and United States and the Indian squad is expected to undergo a major transition with the likes of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma among others being gradually eased out of the set up.

"Yes, the next T20 WC is almost two years so we have time (to unearth new talent). A lot of cricket will be played and a lot of people will get enough chances.

"The road map starts from now. But it's too fresh right now. We have a lot of time so we will sit down and have conversations on those grounds," Hardik said.

"Right now it's making sure that the boys enjoy playing here. We will talk about the future later," he added.

In a scathing comment after the semifinal loss, former England captain Michael Vaughan wrote that India has achieved absolutely nothing since winning the ODI World Cup at home in 2011 and has been the most under-performing white-ball team in the history.

No need to prove

Asked about Vaughan's remarks, the all-rounder said, "I don't think we need to prove anything to anyone.

"Obviously when you don't do well, people will have their opinion, which we respect. I understand people have different point of views," Hardik said.

New outing: India and New Zealand, semifinalists at the 2022 T20 World Cup, will look for a better ride in the T20I series. TWITTER/BCCI

Anwesha enters the second round

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
SYDNEY

Anwesha Gowda made a winning start to her women's singles campaign at the Australian Open Super 300 badminton here on Wednesday.

She beat Pitchaya Elysia Viravong 21-9, 21-11 in 21 minutes.

Anwesha will face Malaysia's Goh Jin Wei in the second round.

Goh had accounted for another Indian Tanya Hemanth, beating her 21-15, 21-16 in just over half an hour.

The women's doubles pair of Rutaparna Panda and Swetaparna Panda lost 16-21, 14-21 to Chinese Taipei's Lee Chia Hsin and Teng Chun Hsun.

If I get IPL contract, it will be a great chance to showcase my skills: Rohan

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Rohan Kunnummal is taking the right steps in establishing himself as an all-format batter.

Rohan, who gained national attention by scoring four centuries in five First Class matches a few months ago, is now showing his class in the shorter formats.

The Kerala opener has been on song in the Vijay Hazare 50-over Trophy. Rohan crushed minnows Arunachal Pradesh with an unbeaten 28-ball 77, and followed it up with a sublime 134 against Goa at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Tuesday.

A natural stroke-player, Rohan flayed the Goan attack to all parts.

His fearless, confident approach was best symbolised when he danced down the track to spinner Mohit Redkar and hit him for a big straight six despite not getting to the pitch of the ball.

When well set, he planted his front foot forward and dispatched left-arm pacer Arjun Tendulkar with ease.

Rohan is now keen to convert starts to big scores, given that he recorded just one fifty in eight outings in the preceding Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy.

Steady and sure: Rohan's confident approach has helped the Kerala youngster pile on the runs. SUDHAKARA JAIN

If the 24-year-old can keep up his rich form, he could earn an IPL contract. "If I get an IPL contract, it will be a great opportunity to showcase my skills. I don't think about an IPL contract too much, as it will add too much pressure. If it comes, well and good," Rohan told *The Hindu*. "My natural game is to attack, but I prefer to play according to the match situation. Today (against Goa) we had a good afternoon pitch, so I could play my strokes.

"In the first match against Haryana (Rohan was batting on 28 when rain intervened), the ball was stopping and coming on. I like to change my game according to the conditions and match situation," the soft spoken Rohan said.

Indian men lose, fail to make semifinals

Sports Bureau

The Indian men's team failed to qualify for the semifinals of the Asia-Oceania blind football championship after a 0-2 loss to Thailand at the United Sports Centre, Kakkanad (Kochi), on Wednesday.

India finished its campaign with one win, one draw and two losses in Group 'A'. China and Thailand took the semifinal spots from Group 'A' while Japan and Iran made the grade from Group 'B.

Though the semifinalists qualified for next year's World championships in Birmingham. India will now search for other routes, including the intercontinental event, to qualify for the Worlds.

Bengaluru FC looks to get campaign back on track

ISL-9

Shayan Acharya
MUMBAI

When Mumbai City FC squared off against Bengaluru FC in the Durand Cup final a couple of months ago, it suffered a 1-2 defeat.

But a lot has changed since the Indian Super League season got underway.

On a roll

Mumbai City has remained undefeated in six games and sits second behind Hyderabad FC. On the other hand, Bengaluru FC has struggled and languishes in the ninth spot.

When the teams meet at the Mumbai Football Arena on Thursday, the Islanders will hope to keep the momentum going and the Blues will look to get their campaign back on track.

Chhetri... time to strike. FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

After cruising to a 6-2 win against Chennaiyin FC in its previous outing, Mumbai City will look to close the gap on Hyderabad.

Barring Amey Ranawade, who has been ruled out for the rest of the season, Mumbai City has a squad fit and ready to fire.

Coach Des Buckingham will pin his hopes on Argentine Jorge Pereyra Diaz, who has been impressive in the last few games and scored against Kerala Blasters and Chennaiyin.

Buckingham revealed that with Diaz around, Mumbai City has been able to strategise better.

For Bengaluru, skipper Sunil Chhetri is yet to find his feet.

The India captain hasn't scored in five matches, but he has an impressive record against Mumbai City – seven goals in 10 outings. Coach Simon Grayson will expect Chhetri to fire on all cylinders against his 'favourite' opponent.

Rhythm claims air pistol gold

Sports Bureau

Rhythm Sangwan beat compatriot Palak Ghulia 16-8 for the gold in women's air pistol in the 15th Asian Airgun championship in Daegu, Korea, on Wednesday.

The results: Air pistol: Women: 1. Rhythm Sangwan 16 (251.0) 573, 2. Palak Ghulia 8 (252.6) 577, 3. Kim Jangmi (Kor) 248.5 (578); 10. Yuvika Tomar 569.

Juniors: 1. Manu Bhaker 17 (247.6) 577, 2. Esha Singh 15 (248.5) 578, 3. Kim Minseo (Kor) 246.2 (576); 12. Shikha Narwal 141.6 (567).

Team: Men: 1. India (Naveen, Vijayveer Sidhu, Shiva Narwal) 16 (578) 880, 2. Korea 14 (573) 874, 3. Vietnam 17 (572) 861.

Junior men: 1. India (Varun Tomar, Sagar Dangi, Samrat Rana) 16 (581) 871, 2. Uzbekistan 2 (755) 849, 3. Korea 17 (569) 849.

Ruud and Djokovic ensure semifinal spots; Nadal ousted

Pulling through: Ruud warded off Fritz's challenge in three sets. REUTERS

ATP FINALS

Reuters
TURIN

Rafael Nadal was eliminated from the ATP Finals as Casper Ruud beat American Taylor Fritz in their round-robin match in Turin on Tuesday, which also guaranteed Ruud's passage into the semifinals.

The win also meant teenager Carlos Alcaraz would end the year as World No. 1.

Nadal needed to win the tournament to take the rankings top spot from compatriot Alcaraz, but straight-set losses to Fritz and Felix Auger-Aliassime left him needing Ruud to lose in straight sets to keep his hopes alive.

The Norwegian, however, went on to win 6-3, 4-6, 7-6(6) win and reach the last four for the second consecutive year.

Youngest year-end No. 1

The 19-year-old Alcaraz, who is not competing due to an abdominal injury, will be confirmed as the youngest year-end number one since the ATP rankings began in 1973.

On Wednesday, Novak Djokovic booked his place in the last four with a crushing 6-4, 6-1 defeat of Russian Andrey Rublev. After the first nine games went with serve, Djokovic switched on the afterburners to outclass Rublev.

The results:

Red Group: Novak Djokovic bt Andrey Rublev 6-4, 6-1.

Green Group: Casper Ruud bt American Taylor Fritz 6-3, 4-6, 7-6(6).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Tennis fitness programme on Nov. 19

The Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association, in collaboration with Rohan Bopanna Tennis Academy, will conduct a one-day tennis fitness programme to be run by Argentinian physical trainer Hernan Aboitiz at the KSLTA on November 19 (Saturday).

Aboitiz has trained players like the 2009 U.S. Open men's singles champion Juan Martin Del Potro, top-10 player Diego Schwartzman and Athens 2004 Olympic Gold medallist Nicholas Massu among others.

The training programme will include fitness routines, evaluations, demos and drills to enhance the physical strength, speed and agility of a tennis player.

Interested players can call 7795328545 or write to *info@kslta.com*

Lakshman pots a win

M.L. Lakshman beat Aldrin Moses 3-1 (04-82 (56), 97 (71)-15, 82 (52)-37, 90-01) in a Group-A match of the main league of the State-ranking snooker tournament here on Wednesday.

Nikhil scores a treble as Decathlon Hockey wins big

Nikhil scored a hat-trick as Decathlon Hockey thrashed BYCA-B 9-1 in the KSHA C-division hockey league here on Wednesday.

The result:

Decathlon Hockey 9 (Nikhil 2, 28, 36, Deshik 5, 31, Palgun 10, 42, Varun Ganapathy 48, Roshan 32) bt BYCA-B 1 (Prabhu 78).